

**EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
AUGUST 9, 2017**

The Earthwise Living Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 9th day of August, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley Public Service Center, at 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE,
5:30 PM.**

1. Call the City of Leon Valley Regular Earthwise Living Committee Meeting to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m., with the following Committee members in attendance: Committee Members Rita Burnside, Mayor Chris Riley, Belinda Ealy, Karen Seiffert and Mary Key. Also present was Staff member Yvonne Acuna and guest Adrianna Deleon. Committee members Sharon Hendricks and Linda Barker were not present.

2. Review and Approval of the August Regular Earthwise Living Committee Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Committee Member Key to approve the August 9th, 2017 regular meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Committee member Sieffert, and was approved unanimously.

3. Discussion regarding Earthwise Living Day 2017.

Committee member Sharon Hendricks could not be in attendance at the meeting, but forwarded her suggestions to discuss. Her suggestions were: emphasize Earthwise Living and how we need to protect and improve the planet. Spend the money we get from the City to have several recognized speakers and coordinate with a vendor or 2 for each topic. Have a children's building again. Do not serve coffee or tacos, and have a few food and water vendors. Change the hours from 10am-2pm. Develop signs for all the trash/recycle containers of what goes in each container. Have the Earthwise Living committee members man an educational recycle booth. Have less door prizes, maybe one an hour and only about 5-6 total door prizes. Have less vendors, less work for everyone involved. Think about a new spin on things this year, more education to the resident/pubic. A general discussion was had regarding the suggestions and use of City money, but since we were missing some members, a final vote was postponed until all members could be present.

The committee did decide to order more aprons to have on hand for members and to sell at events. Member Sieffert suggested ordering some magnets (like the Fire Department has) with recycling do's and don'ts. Member Key asked if Sunset Funeral Homes could lend us tents for the event, Mayor Riley will send them a letter. Member Ealy suggested the use of the PA system from movies in the park. Committee Member Burnside asked Committee member Ealy, if she could contact the Indians about attending our event next year. A general discussion was had regarding the them for next year's event. Some suggestions for a theme involved using the terms 'natural resources' and protecting the environment'; Mayor Riley liked Member Hendricks's thoughts on 'protecting the planet.' Member Burnside moved to make the theme 'Helpful hints for home and habitat', Member Key seconded the motion and all members were in agreement.

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Member Burnside stated that more kid's murals were needed and asked if any committee member had connections with children in the area that could paint them. Member Seiffert knows someone who does sheets as a fundraiser and would reach out them for donations. Member Ealy would reach out to the School of Technology for available kids to paint murals. Member Burnside stated that she would contact some elementary school teachers as well.

A discussion was had regarding putting recycle bins in the park, but it was not budgeted for this fiscal year. The Mayor mentioned waiting to see if recycle bins would be included in the new garbage contract. Committee Member Ealy suggested asking the Chamber if a luncheon could be held to hear a presentation on recycling. She further noted that it would be a great idea if area businesses could sponsor a recycling bin. The company name could be put on the bin and there could be 3 bins in the park. She suggested calling the program Adopt a Bin. Staff Liaison Acuna mentioned that any decisions regarding the park would need to be brought to the Park Commission.

4. Discussion Regarding Texas Recycles Day 2017

The committee agreed to have the Rain Barrell event in conjunction with Earthwise Living Day and to start promoting it at Texas Recycles Day. Staff Liaison Acuna stated that the flyer for Texas Recycles Day was ready and would be included in the Lions Roar, be put on the City website and Facebook.

5. Adjourn.

Staff Liaison Acuna reminded the committee of the next meeting to be held on September 13th. Committee Member Seiffert mentioned that she would not be in attendance. Mayor Riley moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Member Seiffert. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:56 pm.

Belinda Ealy
Co-Chair

Sept. 13, 2017
Date: