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Minutes from February 16, 2015

The meeting of the Haltom City Beautification Board and Keep Haltom City Beautiful was called to order at 6:56 pm by chairwoman Carol Williams.

Present were Denise Ford, Wayne Clowers, Sandy Lottes, Birdi Blocker, Carol Williams, Bob Presley, Donna Peterson and Fran Burns.

Denise made the motion and it was seconded by Wayne to accept the January minutes. Motion approved.

Volunteer hours: for January/February: Wayne 7, Denise 10, Sandy 21, Birdi 16, Carol 7, Bob 30, Donna 16

Old Business

City Hall Landscape The rear entrance has been redone using crushed granite. We have not heard back yet from Wiz Q about the large rock for the front. Sandy will get info on another company that we could consider using for the large engraved rock.

KAB Conference Fran had a good trip to the conference in Washington, DC, speaking about the NEET Flea Market. She will present the award we got to City Council at the next meeting.

Jazz Monsters concert at Don Cruz was a crowded affair. They will be playing again on Sunday, February 28 from 6-8pm.

GCAA Our application was received and we will hear the results in March.. The portfolio cover looked very good. Fran will be going to Austin to judge one of the categories.

Spring Gallery Night March 28. Donna has the frame and background for the collage that she and Carol will be putting together as our contribution to the Art Show.

Car Show Coloring Contest Four schools have asked to be a part of the contest: West Birdville, OH Stowe, Spicer, and Birdville. The committee will judge them on Monday, the 23rd at 2:00. The sheets will have the Don't Mess With Texas logo on them as will the litter bags that will be handed out at the Car Show

Kids Gone Wild There were about 800-1000 kids at the Stock Show event. At the TREES booth were: CeCe and Fran from Haltom, Bob Horton, three people from Ft. Worth and three from McKinney.

Stampede Flyer The Stampede committee will put car show flyers and gallery night flyers in the give-away bags. There will be about 400 golfers.

Staff Change No one has been hired to replace Fran as of this date.

Guinness Attempt After receiving an email from Guinness, Bill Hooks sent in a new drawing showing that the porch was merely decoration. The committee said it was not a solid structure so we're hoping that this change will be all they need.

Community Gardens Sandy reported that it was time to sign up again for plots for this next season. The Senior Center is building a large plot garden at the center for seniors to grow vegetables for their own use. Unite South Haltom may be considering having a garden on the south side of town. The Demonstration Garden needs spruced up. Garden Club members will be able to work on the garden prior to their meetings at the Northeast Center.

Discussion Items

NEET Meeting Anyone interested in NEET can come to the next meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, February 24 at 10 am.

Recycle Challenge There are new owners of the paper retrieval company. We are having a hard time getting in touch with them. We might consider doing the plastic bag recycling we heard about at KTB conference.

Fran gave a check to the Birdville Museum for \$300.00 from the electronic recycling. Fran will call Paul Hansen or Carla to ask about the cardboard recycling money we were to get from the Guinness project. She will also contact Erica Hill about cleaning up the space at the Hills.

Clean Campus Award Denise will do the judging of the campuses. The letter to the schools has not gone out yet. March 16-20th would be the time to evaluate the condition of the school campuses.

Car Show/ Springfest Since we are combining the two city-wide events on Saturday, March 28th, it will be necessary to have a coordinator for the volunteers. We can set up a tent for sign in. Donna will be the coordinator. The anti-litter bags have been ordered. We will be sharing some of the costs with the Park Board.

Cigarette Litter Issue Sandy asked about buying something more visible for library patron smokers to put their butts in. Before we do anything, we have to check the city ordinance first about placement. We must make Tom Muir, City Manager, aware of the situation and then set up steps to solve the problem,. One suggestion was to post a sign to let people know about the distance allowed for smoking near a city building.

Recycling at Work Program Here at City Hall and other city buildings, we could invest in containers. We must encourage the cleaning people to help. We must communicate with the staff to make sure waste and recycle are separate. And we must work with Progressive to take our recycling.

Since March 16th will be Fran's last Board meeting, we thought we would go to dinner before the meeting. We will check out Hofbrau's and have dinner at 5:50pm and the meeting afterward at City Hall.

Adopt-A-Spot We are redoing the program. The IT department is mapping out the current spots and those available. There will be a new application which will give options to the spot holders as to how much they will do at their spot. Sam's Furniture want to adopt a spot.

Future Dates Photo Contest Deadline, Tuesday, March 17; Texas Trash Off, Saturday, April 11; Dumpster Day, Saturday, April 18; Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22.

Sheila Behrens was absent from the meeting without excuse.

Having no further business, we adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Lottes, Secretary