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Minutes from April 20, 2015

The meeting of the Haltom City Beautification Board and Keep Haltom City Beautiful was called to order at 7:05 pm by chairwoman Carol Williams.

Present were Denise Ford, Wayne Clowers, Sandy Lottes, Birdi Blocker, Carol Williams, Bob Presley, Donna Peterson and Fran Burns. Parks Director, Tom Henry was present to introduce Fran's replacement, Julie Jenkins. Fran congratulated Bob Presley as Haltom City's Hometown Hero for the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce.

Denise made the motion and it was seconded by Bob to accept the March minutes. Motion approved.

**Volunteer hours:** for March/April: Wayne 8, Denise 13, Sandy 51, Birdi 22, Carol 4, Bob 36, Donna 31

### **Old Business**

**Spring Gallery Night** March 28. There were about 17 artists with 5 of them being first-timers. Wayne stated that the quality of art work is getting better with each event. There were about 150 visitors. The next event is Fall Gallery Night on September 12.

**Guinness Attempt** We were informed of a math error so Fran sent another corrected drawing. We are still waiting to hear if Guinness will accept our attempt as a world record.

**Community Gardens** Sandy reported that the garden is full with room for several more plots. Everyone has paid and there is plenty of money to build the raised beds if necessary. Trey's garden at the Senior Center is under way. He has tilled the ground and purchased plants with donated money from the Garden Club.

**NEET programs** May 13-14 BISD will pay for the buses for the four schools that will be attending the Enviro-Fair. So far Agrilife Extension, ONCOR, and City Forestry are confirmed for demonstrations. We still don't know which Birdville schools will be coming. Both Carol and Donna said they will help. The next NEET meeting will be May 12 at 10am at the Birdville Museum.

**Recycle Challenge** The only two schools that responded to the challenge are Spicer and Academy at West Birdville. Denise and Carol volunteered to pick up the bags and take them to Sprouts. The contest ends on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Clean Campus Award** Denise turned in her reports of the school campuses and it was determined to award the \$100 to W T Francisco. We will meet with the teachers at their staff meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30.

**Car Show/ Springfest** Although there were only 88 cars, we made more money from sponsors, so this was the most successful year for the show. Next year we will reduce the registration fee for cars down to \$25. With the addition of Springfest this year, there was a large crowd of spectators. The Park Department gave away all the bags of eggs they had. The show netted \$18,000 and with the golf tournament at Fossil Creek and Haltom Stampede, we will donate almost \$30,000 for school supplies. We will have to consider dates for next year as Easter is earlier and it may be too early in the season for a car show.

**Texas Trash-Off** With Haltom Gives Back, there were around 300 volunteers at 13 sites this year. Starbucks picked up litter on Highway 377. It worked well to have Haltom Gives Back and the Trash Off on the same day.

**Dumpster Day** 131 households participated in Dumpster Day on April 18th. Organizers talked to Norm Bullash about changing the contract so that residents will have 4 times a year to dump for free and we can do away with the Saturday Dumpster Days. It benefits the city as they won't have to pay Public Works employees. We would still have to deal with tire collection. Chuck Barnett or Tom Muir will need to talk with Norm. Tim Henderson is replacing Paul Hansen at Progressive.

#### **Discussion Items**

**Schedule Planning Meeting** July 20<sup>th</sup> will be the planning meeting for next year's activities. We will meet early for dinner at the Rec Center. Since Julie will have her office at the Rec, we will to meet there beginning on May 18<sup>th</sup> instead of at City Hall. Carol will put the vote to change the meeting place on the agenda for our June Board Meeting.

**KTB Conference Plans** The conference will be at the Omni Hotel in Fort Worth, June 15-17<sup>th</sup>. It is \$285 for early registration before May 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom Henry would like any of the board members to go to the conference and he will find a way to pay for each interested board member. Birdi, Denise, Carol, Donna, Sandy and Wayne want to go along with Julie.

**Support of Garden Club's Plant Swap** The plant swap and sale will be on Saturday, May 30 at the library from 10 am- 2pm. They will have booth space available for anyone selling garden-related goods for \$25 a space. There will be raffles and give-away plants with donations accepted. There was some discussion about the club not being a sub-committee of the Beautification Board. Tom will check policy of the board. Further discussion was tabled for the May meeting.

**Business of the Quarter** Denise made a motion to award the title to Taco Casa on Denton Highway; Bob seconded it; motion passed. Birdi will let the board know when we can present the award.

**Dates** Photo Contest Winners Presentation, Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 pm; Birdville Historical Reunion, Saturday, May 16, 11-1 at Birdville Cemetery; Memorial Day Observation, Monday, May 25, 10 am at New Trinity Cemetery

Having no further business, we adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Lottes, Secretary