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A Keep Texas & Keep America Beautiful Affiliate

Minutes from May 18, 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 Julie Jenkins.

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

Volunteer hours: for April/May: Wayne 12, Denise 12, Sandy 23, Birdi 13, Carol 5, Bob 3, Donna?

Old Business

Guinness Attempt There is still no word from Guinness. Fran sent in updated contact information.

Plastic Bag Recycle Challenge The total bags collected is 32,014 with the Academy at West Birdville coming in first with almost 26,000. The bench will be delivered to the school on Friday, 5/22. On May 26th, we will make a video announcement at the school to the students at 8:00 am. The planters will ship from TREX by May 20th. Julie will make a certificate for the school.

KTB Conference June 15-17 at the Omni Hotel, Fort Worth. Registration confirmations came via email. Julie will reserve the city van for us to go together. We will try to leave around 7:30 am on Monday. She handed out the schedule of conference events and wants us to choose different workshops so that we can get all the benefit from the workshops.

Garden Club Plant Swap and Sale Saturday, May 30th at the library 10am-2pm. There will be lots of plants, raffles and 4 or 5 vendors. This is the club's only fund raiser, with the money coming from the raffles and donations from those who don't have plants to swap.

KHCB Planning Meeting The meeting to plan the year's events will be at the regular meeting on July 20th at the Rec Center at 6:00 pm. We will have dinner brought in before the meeting.

Discussion Items

Memorial Day Program Monday, May 25 at 10:00 a m with the American Legion at Trinity Cemetery. We will lend them a tent through Trey Kerr, the P A system and chairs from City Hall.

NEET Enviro-Camp June 9-11 from 8:30-3:00 40 campers from grades 3,4,and 5 will meet at the Study Center for classes and crafts about birds. The field trip will be to the Cedar Hills Audubon Society. Volunteers are always welcome to help with the campers.

KHCB Board meeting time change. Since we are considering changing the time and place of the meeting, it is necessary to make bylaws changes that will be voted on at the June meeting. Bob made a motion to make an amendment to Article V Section 1 of the bylaws that would change the meeting place from City Hall to the Haltom City Recreation Center on the 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. Denise seconded and the motion to amend the bylaw passed. Julie will write up the amendment to change the place and time so that it can be presented for voting as per our bylaws at the next meeting.

KHCB June Meeting Denise made a motion that since we will be at the KTB conference on the same day as our meeting and since there is no dinner meeting at KTB, we should go ahead with the meeting at the Rec Center at 6:00 pm. Bob seconded the motion and the motion passed. We will be voting for officer positions, voting on the amendment and considering whether to add a position for historian from among the board members. We have three board members whose terms are up but that sent in applications to continue as board members. They are Donna Peterson, Wayne Clowers, and Carol Williams. There is also a vacancy that needs to be filled by an appointment from the new councilman.

Beautification Closet clean-out It is necessary to organize the board closet which is currently at City Hall and move everything to the Rec Center where we can go through the materials and box them up in bins for storage there. We will do this sometime in July.

Septic Sewer Assistance Program This is a program that Julie wanted us to be aware of through TCEQ that would help low-income homeowners with septic systems to convert to the city sewer system. There is \$34,000 available of which \$14,000 must be spent in the first six months. It is on a first come, first served basis. It would cost about \$5,000 for each home using 1 or 2 plumbers.

TCC Base Camp This is a camp through TCC for 6th through 9th grades that Hank Johnson wants us to continue along with NEET for NIMBY. It is scheduled for 2 hours a day, June 23, 24, and 25th. We will be doing "A Crisis in Haltom City" a scenario where the city is forced to find other sources for its water. We need volunteers.

Christmas on Broadway This year's event will be Saturday, December 5. We will have to form a committee to start the planning for the activities, sponsors, vendors, etc. Mary Villafranca is our contact at the high school for student volunteers.

Dates American Legion Memorial Day Program, Monday, May 25th 10aM, New Trinity Cemetery; H C Garden Club Plant Swap, Saturday, May 30th 10-2, library; NEET Enviro-Camp, Tues-Thurs, June 9th-11th, BISD Environmental Study Center.

Having no further business, we adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Lottes, Secretary