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A Keep Texas & Keep America Beautiful Affiliate

Minutes from July 20, 2015

The planning meeting of the Haltom City Beautification Board and Keep Haltom City Beautiful was called to order at 6:10 pm by chairwoman Carol Williams.

Present were Denise Ford, Wayne Clowers, Sandy Lottes, Carol Williams, Donna Peterson, Birdi Blocker and Julie Jenkins. Walter Grow, who is our City Council representative on the board was present; as well as a guest, Susan Soule, who was interested in how to beautify her neighborhood.

Denise made the motion and it was seconded by Donna to accept the June minutes. Motion approved.

Volunteer hours: for June/July: Wayne 7, Denise 30, Sandy 51, Carol 40, Donna 43, Birdi 48.

Old Business

TCC Base Camp Donna, Carol, Fran Burns and Julie assisted at the camp in June for about 20 6-9 grade campers. Donna said she enjoyed the time and was impressed with the power point presentations. Everyone agreed that the kids did a fine job presenting and showed interest in the subject of a water "Crisis in Haltom City."

KTB Conference Carol asked each member who attended the conference to give a brief summary of which workshops were of most value to each of them. Carol talked about carton recycling at schools and another recycling program collecting used clothing. She and Julie will go to Progressive to propose this free pick up at the curb program which could coincide with regular trash pickup. Sandy liked the ideas Keep Denton Beautiful uses for their adopt-a-spot program and would like us to think about implementing some of them. She also liked the presentation on volunteers about how to get and keep them interested. Donna talked about the value of trees in the community. Julie was glad there was a lot of talk about keeping up with new technology. Birdi chose roadside awareness and the Edible Trail concept of planting fruit and nut trees along walking trails. Denise would really like us to consider some way to purchase Big Belly containers.

Discussion Items

Business of the Quarter We decided that we will skip choosing a business for the remaining of this third quarter and have businesses to nominate at the September meeting so we can vote for the last quarter business and get on track to present the award at the beginning of each quarter. Birdi will pick up the sign.

Christmas on Broadway Saturday December 5th 3pm-6pm Denise gave us the following dates for planning meetings: Aug 4, Sept.1, October 6, Nov 3 and Dec 1. All are on Tuesdays and from 1pm-2pm at the Rec. These are the people who have agreed to help her plan: Allison and Becky from the library, Trey Kerr, Police Department, Lynn and Suzanne from Fire Services Board and Christie and Maria from Parks Dept. The board members will also be helping. They have asked several Food Trucks (Grilled Cheese, taco truck, Fry Girl) so far. There was a brief discussion on how to estimate how many people usually attend. One suggestion was to take overhead pictures and count.

2016 Planning Meeting Carol went through the calendar for 2016 and we discussed the dates of yearly events. There were two motions by Donna and seconded by Birdi to change the February meeting from the 15th to the 22nd because of President's Day and to change the June meeting from the 20th to the 27th because of the KTB conference in Sugarland. Motions passed. There are other dates that need to be confirmed: Boards and Commissions Dinner, Car Show, TCC Base Camp, Fall Gallery Night, National Planting Day, and Haltom Gives Back.

We then went through the events by category and looked at what we do now and what we might have the opportunity to change or add. Some of the things we talked about were:

Public Awareness Julie is working to design a new website for KHCB. She has a lady that will work on a new logo design for \$30 an hour. We need to give ideas. Sandy thinks we need to go to more City Council meetings to make our board even more visible. Maybe we can take turns. We could develop some videos for public information.

Under Beautification, Sandy asked about the future of the Community Garden since she is ready to turn it over to someone else or find ways to get more people involved. We talked some about the need for a more organized and growing tree farm. Maybe we can visit the current tree farm property that is up for sale and see where we can go from there. We discussed about having another tree sale, but nothing was decided for sure.

Litter Prevention and cleanup. We need to set a date to do the Litter Index.

Solid Waste Management We might be able to host a composting class or water barrel class for the public.

Litter law The Litter limit 0 signs should have our logo on them. They will need to be brought in to Public Works for that change to take place We will talk to Jonathan Elliot about the status of the surveillance cameras.

Dates

Back to School Health Fair will be held from 9-1pm on July 25th at Haltom High School. It is not required that board members attend. Art in the City Fall Gallery Night September 12th, 1pm-8pm TCC HC Center, Trash Bash, Oct. 17th, 1pm-4pm

Bob was excused since he is visiting his sister with cancer.

Having no further business, we adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Lottes, Secretary