

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 27th day of October 2009, the Beautification/Parks & Recreation Committee of the City of Freeport, Texas, met in a regular meeting at the Visitor's Center of said city at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: Margaret McMahan, Eddie Virgil, Susan Pettijohn, Nicolasa Mireles

City Staff: Jill Bradshaw, VIC Secretary

Visitors: None

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Eddie Virgil at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Margaret McMahan made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by _____. All voted in favor of the September 2009 meeting minutes.

DISCUSS FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival will be held at RiverPlace on October 30, 2009 between 6:30 and 8:30pm. Parks Board members were invited to attend. Susan Pettijohn inquired whether help was needed. Jill Bradshaw invited them to attend and if help was needed they could volunteer at that time.

DISCUSS DECEMBER HOLIDAY ON THE BRAZOS EVENT

Parks Board members were informed that Holiday on the Brazos was well into the planning stages with a visit from Santa Claus and the schools providing entertainment planned. Parks Board members were invited to attend the event.

DISCUSS WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Youth basketball registration is underway. The program starts in January and continues for six weeks followed by a weekend tournament and awards banquet to be held at RiverPlace in February. Parks Board members and community volunteers are invited to assist with the operation of the program. Margaret McMahan mentioned she would like to assist and asked if someone could call to notify her when and how she could help. The rest of the Parks Board present also said they would like to assist and wanted to be contacted as well.

Eddie Virgil mentioned that it would be nice for the Parks Board to have name tags when they are assisting with functions or at meetings. The board members present agreed with the suggestion and Jill Bradshaw was asked to talk to Larry Fansher about the procurement of the badges.

DISCUSS YARD OF THE MONTH

Eddie turned in Osil Elceiro at 1711 N Ave M for the November winner of the award. The board wanted to know if the signs had been presented to the October winners and if not would they please be put out for November month. Jill Bradshaw said she did not know but would find out. It was suggested that the following receive the award for November – 1745 West 6th or 7th (Margaret Mahan to drive by and find out correct address) for the resident and Sonic Drive In for the business award. December awards would go to 1711 North Ave M and The Texas DOW Employees Credit Union for the business provided the signs had not been put out in October. Margaret McMahan mentioned that the Parks Board

members could assist with the contacting of the winners and with the presentation of the awards. The possibility of the city council liaison to the Parks Board be asked to assist with the presentation, if they were available, was mentioned. Susan Pettijohn offered to contact Sonic Drive In as she knows the manager. It was brought up by Jill Bradshaw that there used to be a picture taken of the presentation and a copy given to the winner. The board members thought it was a good idea and suggested that the picture along with a short write up could be placed on the city's website and sent to The Facts newspaper. It was also mentioned that Margaret McMahan and Rosemary Bravo were asked to pick up the signs at the end of the month.

PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jill Bradshaw, sitting in for Larry Fansher mentioned that the Parks Department was continuing its maintenance of the parks and improving the landscaping throughout the city. She also mentioned that the department was gearing up for the Christmas holidays by preparing to put up the lights throughout the city.

ADJOURN

Margaret McMahan made motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan Pettijohn. All members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.