

Minutes
Haltom City Beautification Board
Aug. 1, 2009
Haltom City Hall Pre-Council Room

Present: Denise Ford, Birdi Blocker, CeCe Ochs, Carol Williams, Brent Weast, Wayne Clowers, members; Fran Burns, staff; Cindy Macon, guest

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Denise Ford, chair.

Law Enforcement- Fran talked about Executive Summary of Page 5, free dumpster day and contract negotiations with IESI for 2011 contract. Cindy Macon mentioned that more citizens would like to see more bulk pickup. Cindy also questioned name of category on page 5. Cindy talked about Cameras being used to catch illegal dumping. 2010 ideas- Brochure for trash guidelines, target homes in high illegal dumping areas, update water bill for trash guidelines, motion sensor cameras for catching illegal dumping, bumper stickers on city vehicles about reporting illegal dumping, offenders clean up city, graffiti offenders paint, use church youth groups for volunteers, taggers notified about rewards for reporting offenders, gift cards for IESI employees who report illegal dumping.

Public Awareness- Fran talked about Executive Summary of Page 3. Carol suggested using Senior Citizens and church groups to stuff welcome packets. Brent suggested using Haltom City Citizen Yasania Ponce as a volunteer. Fran will contact Ms. Ponce. Fran brought up that we need to contact David Soriano about HCTV. Create interviews with different people in the environmental field to help bring awareness to the community. Carol suggested bringing back Buses for Christmas lights.

Beautification- Fran spoke about the rail road box behind old Winn Dixie building being tagged. Brent suggested having the businesses around the box donate funds to pay for a box covering. Fran spoke on the 121 and Haltom Rd, 95000 grant project-maintenance of area. Carol suggested incorporating rain barrels for beautification sites. Brent brought up ideas on revitalizing Little Fossil Park. Denise brought up ideas about sign on walk ways about tagging by senior center. Tree farm work day October 10th. Cindy volunteered to go to Fire Department Open House on October 10th. Dates to remember: 9/19 Trash Bash, 10/10 Tree Farm Work Day 8:30-12:00, Fire Department Open House, 10/17 Dumpster Day, 11/14 Flea Market, 12/5 Tree lighting

10:50am break called.

10:58am back in session

Fran spoke about safe routes to schools. Carol suggested a walking bridge at from Fossil to Dana (parallel to Eastridge) for citizens to use that want to go to Little Fossil Park. Fran brought up idea that old Arby's location may be donated for use as a Beautification project.

Waste Management- Wayne brought that more citizens need to recycle. Brent may try and do an interview on HCTV about recycling. Fran brought up apartment recycling.

Education- Cindy stated we will need another person to help Fran with Youth Education. Fran stated continue partnership with NEET, litter free football. Agenda for next meeting should have logo for Beautification Board as a topic.

Leadership- Fran to work on volunteer recruitment.

Cleanup/Litter Prevention- Fran brought up signs and education, small cameras. Agenda for next meeting is the Litter Index. Birdi brought up tree ordinance enforcement.

Goals for Next Year- Wayne: Low hanging tree removal, propose a test street case for tree limb removal. Put in news letter requesting a street to volunteer. Birdi: Code enforcement. Carol: Park improvement, Bicycle Trail. Denise: Nature trail built at Little Fossil Park. Brent: Little Fossil Park improvements. Fran: Church involvement.

Birdi left at 12:12 p.m.

12:15 p.m.

2 year, 5 year and address absences not discussed due to not enough members for quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brent Weast, treasurer/secretary