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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
September 13, 2017**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission held on September 13, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Commission Katherine Goodwin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Joe Compian (arrived at 6:05)
Commissioner Vivian Allen
Commissioner Katherine Goodwin
Commissioner Kimberley Yancy

ABSENT:

Commissioner Carlos Flores (unexcused)
Commissioner David Holmen (unexcused)
Commissioner Deanie Barrett (excused)

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Carol Buttler, City Manager
Councilwoman, Casey Mc Auliffe, District D
Chiquetter Clayton, Revitalization Specialist
Kathleen Van Steven, Code Compliance Supervisor
Colleen Merritt, Public Relations Specialist

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Benny Flores (citizen), Pledge of Allegiance led by Kimberley Yancy

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 2017
Commissioner Allen had a correction on the spelling of the name for yard of the month.
Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting for August 09, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Yancy. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens participation.



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(7) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

Financial reports for August 2017

Chairman Compian stated the donations are holding steady near \$1000.00. Commissioner Allen suggested the Commission check into payments made by automatic draft because the \$2.00 was not added to her payment. City Manager Buttler needed clarification on what type of payment was not adding the donation so she could speak with the Utility Billing Department. Commissioner Allen stated she pays her bill by online bank draft. Commissioner Yancy asked, "How are the funds used?" Chairperson Compian explained the funds are divided between two Commissions. The funds help supports Commission activities. Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to approve the July 2017 Financial Report, seconded by Commission Allen. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8) OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Bayou Fest Projects

Chairperson Compian introduced Colleen Merritt, Public Relations Specialist to update the Commission on Bayou Fest progress. Ms. Merritt confirmed the date and location of Bayou Fest. Ms. Merritt asked, "Are we doing the Rain Barrels, if not, will you need the same space?" Commissioner Goodwin said she had tried to reach out to the Galveston Bay Foundation, but got no response. Ms. Clayton stated she was informed by email the foundation would not be able to participate because they had another event scheduled for that weekend. Ms. Merritt asked, "Will the 10x10 space be sufficient?" Chairperson Compian state the 10x10 space would be sufficient and we should give out school supplies, sell the address signs, and hand out resources concerning the recovery efforts.

Chairperson Compian asked Ms. Buttler, "What parts of the city was impacted by Hurricane Harvey?" Ms. Buttler stated the Painted Meadows Subdivision was the most concentrated, Melody, Camp Circle and all the usual spots that floods when it rains. Chairperson Compian suggested we have resources to help citizens sign up for FEMA. Ms. Buttler stated the library is a resource to help register for FEMA online. A discussion ensued among the Commission and everyone in attendance on finding resources for the citizens of La Marque and others who have been displaced by Harvey. The resources should include information on volunteers who can help with gutting homes, housing assistance and financial aid.

Councilwoman Casey McAuliffe stated she was not familiar with the procedures after a Hurricane and wanted to have information to relay to the citizens of her district. She asked Ms. Buttler, "Do you have a number of how many residences that were affected?" Ms. Buttler stated she had spoken with FEMA and was waiting on an update. Ms. Buttler said FEMA would go door to door to assess damages. Ms. Merritt stated 200 homes were affected out of 6800. high priority for FEMA.



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Chairman Compian stated we need to organize ourselves to go door to door to assess the needs of the citizens. He explained during Ike, FEMA promised to go door to door and it did not happen. This is not a priority for them. Ms. Allen suggested the commission discuss going door to door now while everyone is cleaning out, to assess their needs. Chairman Compian said we would need possibly 60 volunteers from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm and he would organize lunch for everyone. Mr. Flores asked are we assessing the cost or the need. Chairman Compian said we are trying find out the immediate need. Ms. Merritt asked, "What do you want to call it, because I want to get it out on social media immediately." After further discussion, the Commission decided it would be called Impact Assessment Survey to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9 am until noon and lunch will be provided at City Hall. Chairman Compian discussed what questions that should be on the forms and what resources to give to the citizens.

Ms. Merritt asked the Commission would a 10x10 tent be sufficient. Chairman Compian stated they would need two tents. Ms. Merritt say it would be a fee of 125.00 for another tent and did the Commission pay for it last year? Chairperson Compian answered the tent was purchased last year, perhaps they could authorize purchase of another tent. Ms. Merritt asked Ms. Goodwin if she would she be bringing her trailer? Ms. Goodwin said if her husband was available because she did not know how to drive it. Chairperson Compian asked if the space was available and Ms. Merritt said there was no limitation on the space. Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to purchase another tent, seconded by Commissioner Allen. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding participation in the 31st Annual Arts & Craft event on November 18, 2017 in Texas City.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goodwin to participate in the 31st Annual Arts & Crafts event on November 18, 2017 in Texas City, seconded by Commissioner Allen. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding participation in the 2017 Holiday Gift Shop event on December 02, 2017 in Texas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goodwin to participate in the 2017 Holiday Gift Shop event on December 02, 2017 in Texas City, seconded by Commissioner Allen. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(10) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Compian said we need to be in recovery mode as a community. He expressed advocacy for the citizens is so important and our ability to recover is going to depend on our ability to have a voice. Chairperson Compian said traditionally a community which does not



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have a voice does not recover and will not receive any state and federal assistance in the recovery process. In the community of La Marque, where individuals are uninsured or underinsured, it will take loud voices to help with recovery. As a community, we need to prevent our seniors from the negative side of the disaster. Previously, with Hurricane Ike, the health effects on the elderly were not been good. We need to care for each other.

(11) PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Ms. Merritt asked would anyone be attending the Council meeting for the name change for the Commission. Chairperson Compian said he would try to be there. Ms. Merritt asked had the yard of the month signs and t-shirts been ordered. Ms. Buttler said the signs had not been ordered because of the name change. Ms. Clayton stated the shirts had not been ordered for the same reason. Ms. Merritt explained that the city has been invited to be a part of Run with the Cougs Night which is a community event on September 29, 2017 at the Etheredge Stadium at 7:00 pm. Ms. Merritt suggested the Clean Up event the Commission wanted to have should be put off until spring.

(12) EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session required.

(13) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

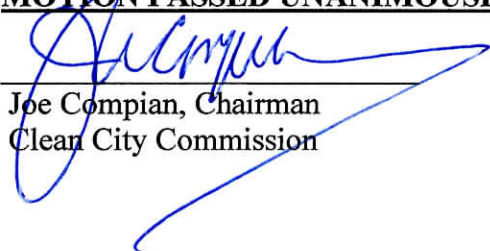
Commissioner Yancy stated she would be able to assist with FEMA applications. Anyone having a hard time navigating through the process should give her call. She also stated the FEMA would be hiring on Thursday, September 14, 2017 in Galveston at 4700 Broadway from 9 am until noon and to bring forms of identification. Commission Yancy expressed a need to make sure local business receive recovery effort contracts.

Commissioner Goodwin praised the La Marque Library for its assistance immediately after storm with use of their computers, copier and fax machine to help citizens apply for FEMA. She also praised electricity providers for keeping the lights on through the storm and she gave praise to the City Of La Marque for a great job keeping the citizens informed about Hurricane Harvey.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chairman Compian to adjourn at 7:05 pm, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



Joe Compian, Chairman
Clean City Commission