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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
October 11, 2017**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission held on October 11, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Carlos Flores 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

Commissioner Carlos Flores

ABSENT:

Commissioner Deanie Barrett (Resigned)

Commissioner David Holmen (unexcused)

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Carol Buttler, City Manager

Councilwoman Casey Mc Auliffe, District D

Chiquetter Clayton, Revitalization Specialist

Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 13, 2017

Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Yancy.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizen's participation.



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(7) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT(S)

Financial reports for August 2017

Commissioner Flores reviewed the September 2017 with the Commission. Chairperson Compian discussed ways to improve donations and develop an independent social media site. Carol Buttler, City Manager, stated with the changing of the name to Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission, the citizens would better relate to the Commission. She stated she would have the Utilities Department put a blurb on the water bills for 2 cycles about the name change and the projects the Commission has help during the recovery of Hurricane Harvey. Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Commissioner Allen. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8) OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Bayou Fest Projects

Ms. Buttler stated this was added to the Agenda to verify everything is ready for Bayou Fest. A discussion ensued on scheduling for coverage, equipment needed and resources to give out at the festival. Chairperson Compian asked could Ms. Merritt make a flyer explaining what the Commission is about. Ms. Buttler stated it would be good to hand out the article in the magazine. Chairperson Compian suggested we give out resources concerning mold to protect the citizens. Ms. Van Stavern stated the information could be found on FEMA's website. The new t-shirts were presented to the Commission and they approved of the shirts. Commissioner Yancy asked, "Are they delivering flyers to the schools?" Ms. Van Stavern stated no. The advertising was through billboards, newspaper and social media. Chairperson Compian explained the value of the VIP passes to the new Commissioners.

(9) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Hurricane Harvey Assistance and Damage Assessment Survey

Ms. Buttler stated, "This was added to the agenda for several reasons. If you want to discuss with the Commission what you did that day, and if you would like do anything else to help with the recovery. I have Kristina Layton of the Fire Department compiling all the sheets from the survey into a spreadsheet and comparing it with Utility Billing to find phone numbers to reach people for a follow-up list." Chairperson Compian asked if Ms. Merritt had placed the survey on social media because that same format was being used by Galveston County. Ms. Buttler stated several organizations had visited and were duplicating efforts on the recovery process. We also met with the County Judge and State Representatives on what they were working on with the housing issue. Instead of relying on FEMA trailers, they can have an RV in the driveway so citizens will not need housing while their home is being repaired. A discussion on Recovery and Rebuild



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followed with information on different resources to help the community now and receive help in the future.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding Paint the Town Program 2017-2018

Chairperson Compian stated we need to review the applications to see if we need any revisions and approve it. Once reviewed, a press release can be placed on social media to let everyone know the applications are available. Ms. Buttler stated Ms. Clayton and Ms. Mysty Nauck in Finance will get together to review the process from last year to see if it can be streamlined. Chairperson Compian asked if the Commission could get a copy of the application for review at the next meeting. Commissioner Allen asked if we had received information on volunteers for citizens who need assistance painting their home such as the elderly or disabled. Ms. Clayton stated in an earlier meeting with Ms. Buttler and Ms. Van Stavern it was discussed that the Commission would recruit the volunteers to assist the elderly and disabled with painting their homes. Councilwoman McAuliffe suggested we draft a letter to send to schools, churches, businesses, and other organizations asking for volunteers and contractors for assistance. Chairperson Compian suggested we organize a "How to Paint" event for the volunteers and the citizens. He also suggested a Release of Liability be signed by all volunteers. Ms. Buttler suggested we have the City Attorney draw up a Release of Liability form for the Commission. Commissioner Allen asked if it would be feasible to have prisoners with lessor crimes assist with painting homes. Ms. Buttler stated the police department may have only a few trustees at various times and the County has its own program. Ms. Van Stavern explained the difference between the County probationers and the Municipal trustees. She stated this should be a last resort because it is based on the Judge's decision for voluntary hours for Municipal Court.

(10) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Compian expressed his gratitude for the community participation and support of the Hurricane Harvey Damage Assessment Survey, giving special thanks to Councilwoman McAuliffe for her dedication to the project. He stated, "I always want La Marque to be first rather than last in any effort to help our citizens. Each storm has a unique character and Harvey's was angels. The volunteer effort and people was the uniqueness of the storm. Those people are the angels of Harvey. We are going to show everyone that the City of La Marque is not a second class city. We have motivated citizens who understand the community spirit."

(11) PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

None

(12) EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session required.



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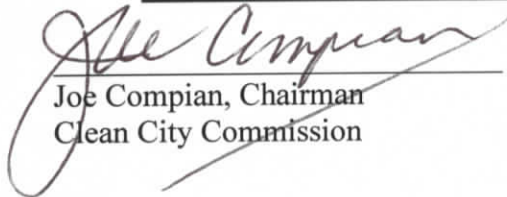
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(13) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Goodwin collected \$120.00 from the sale of the reflective address signs. Chairperson Compian announced anyone can receive flu shots at Mall of the Mainland located at 10000 FM 1764, Texas City, TX and are available until October 28, 2017. Chairperson Compian also announced the resignation of Commissioner Deanie Barrett effective immediately. Ms. Buttler stated we would put Commissioner Barrett's resignation letter on the Agenda for next month for the acceptance of her resignation. She stated there was another person interested and we have his application and we will send it to the City Council.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn at 7:05 pm, seconded by Commissioner Allen. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**


Joe Compian, Chairman
Clean City Commission