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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
February 13, 2019**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission held on February 13, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road, with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Compian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Joe Compian
Commissioner Kimberley Yancy
Commissioner Terry Pettijohn
Commissioner Katherine Herrin
Commissioner Vivian Allen
Commissioner Carlos Flores
Commissioner Alanah Brown

ABSENT:

Commissioner David Holmen

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Casey McAuliffe, Councilwoman, District D
Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor
Colleen Merritt, Public Relations Specialist (by Phone)

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission dispensed with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to approve the minutes from January 08, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Herrin. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Introduction of Alanah Brown by Councilwomen Casey McAuliffe.

(6) PRESENTATION

The Commission presented gift cards to the winners of the 2018 Christmas Lights Contest. The Commission presented the 3rd Place winner Kitty Eck, 2nd Place winner Scott Madden and Michael Moser and the 1st Place winner Chris and Heather Finch. Ms. Finch was in attendance for the presentation.

(7) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Herrin introduced Gaynell Keith as a new citizen of La Marque who resides in the Borondo Pines Community. Ms. Keith said that La Marque is a beautiful place.

(8) MONTHLY FINACIAL REPORT(S)

Commissioner Herrin made a motion to approve the financial reports for December 2018, seconded by Commissioner Pettijohn. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding criteria for the Good Neighbor Award
Commissioner Herrin made a motion to approve the Good Neighbor Award Program seconded by Commissioner Yancy. **MOTIONS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A discussion ensued on the criteria for judging the nominations and discussed whether there should be a monetary gift. Commissioner Herrin made a motion to recognize all nominees for each month with a certificate and a sign in their yard as a reward for the nomination, seconded by Commissioner Allen. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding status of Let's Paint the Town 2018
A discussion ensued regarding the funding for 2018, and the Commission decided to fund the 8 properties that had not been funded previously. Commissioner Herrin made a motion to approve \$2500.00 for the Paint the Town project for 2019 to complete the properties that were not funded for 2018, seconded by Commissioner Allen. **MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 AYES 0 NAYS WITH COMMISSIONER BROWN ABSTAINING.**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for Residential Yard of the Month
Commissioner Allen announced there would not be a February Residential Yard of the Month.

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for Business Yard of the Month
Commissioner Allen announced the nominee for Business Yard of the Month is Industrial Commissioning Consulting International at 714 Highway 3 in La Marque, Texas. Commissioner Herrin made a motion to approve Industrial Commissioning Consulting International as February 2019 Business Yard of the Month, seconded by Commissioner Yancy. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- e. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for the Good Neighbor Award of the month.

Commissioner Herrin has nominated Lindsey and Andrew Berry, Paul Ray and Donna Heinrich and Virgillio Martinez as the February recipients of the Good Neighbor Award. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(10) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding submission of Governor's Community Achievement Award application

Chairperson Compian explained the process and handed out last year's submission of the Governor's Community Achievement Award application. He stated he would like to use the criticisms from last year to improve his submission for 2019. Chairperson Compian stated he would accept any assistance with the submission. He warned that each answer can only have 125 words per response, and if it goes over, the submission will be disqualified.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding renewal of the Keep Texas Beautiful 2019 Annual Affiliate dues

Chairperson Compian said that there is a renewal fee of \$150.00 dollars for the affiliate dues. Commissioner Pettijohn approved the \$150.00 for the renewal fee for the Keep Texas Beautiful 2019 Annual Affiliate dues, seconded by Commissioner Yancy. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding litter pick-up report and ratifying City Manager's approval of coordinator's January 2019 expense of \$40.00

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the expenses for Mr. Robison for January 2019, seconded by Commissioner Pettijohn. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding expenses for February 2019 insert in water bills \$517.07

Commissioner Yancy made a motion to approve \$517.07 for expense for the Good Neighbor insert in the water bills for February 2019, seconded by Commissioner Pettijohn. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- e. Discussion/possible action regarding Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest promotion

Chairperson Compian stated item d and e on the Agenda should be together and he would give all Commissioners access to the Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate so they will be able to read up on these items. Commissioner Yancy stated she is the coordinator for the educational projects.

- f. Discussion/possible action regarding Keep Texas Beautiful Art Calendar Contest promotion

No Action taken (see item e).

- g. Discussion/possible action regarding Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off/ Spring - Fall Cleanup
Chairperson Compian stated the date for the Spring cleanup is Saturday, April 06, 2019 from 8 a. m. until 2 p. m. He stated the budget for the cleanup is \$5000.00. Chairperson Compian stated he would like to have removal of tires by public works. Commissioner Allen also inquired about the shred trucks. Chairperson Compian assigned Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Pettijohn as the coordinators of the Spring cleanup. Chairperson Compian made a motion to approve a budget of \$5000.00 which includes the expense for the water bill insert. April 6, 2019 from 8 a. m. until 2 p. m. is the time and date for the Spring cleanup, seconded by Commissioner Yancy. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- h. Discussion/possible action regarding participation with Waste Management for the Recycle Right and Recycle Often program.
Chairperson Compian said that this was a new item and he would like to get with Tina Ortiz to provide the information for this program. Councilwomen McAuliffe had suggested this item for the meeting. She wants the KLMB Commission to be the coordinators for recycling seminars and projects instead of it coming from a Council member. Chairperson Compian stated that he and Councilwomen McAuliffe should reach out to Shanna Lopez at Waste Management and to set up a meeting on recycling.
- i. Discussion/possible action regarding the Waste Management report for last fiscal year.
Chairperson Compian said that the reports received from Waste Management could be a good item for Inside La Marque Magazine.
- j. Discussion/possible action regarding the new City ordinance guidelines for the appointment of members to various Boards, Commissions, and Committees
Chairperson Compian suggested Councilwomen McAuliffe speak on this item since it was passed recently by the City Council. He wanted information about the attendance and terms for the new ordinance. The Councilwoman said that the ordinance was now in effect, and that members were allowed 3 term limits and 3 unexcused absence will result in removal from the Commission. Ms. Van Stavern said that she would request a copy to be sent to everyone.
- k. Discussion/possible action regarding the criteria for KLMBBC Christmas Decorating Competition
Commissioner Herrin explained her Christmas Lights Contest competition guidelines. She read her brainstorming document and suggested everyone's input. Chairperson Compian suggested we table this for next time and

Commissioner Allen asked that this item be workshopped. A discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Commission to table this item for next time.

(11) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Compian wanted to thank the Commissioners for their continued efforts. He stated one of the criteria's for the Governor's Achievement Award gold membership; is to become an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. He asked that this be placed on the next agenda, and that he would provide more information at that time.

(12) PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Councilwomen McAuliffe stated Ms. Merritt had requested she read the public relations report. Ms. Colleen recognized Commissioner Allen as Volunteer of the Month by Keep Texas Beautiful. She apologized for the delay in posting January and February yards of the month. Ms. Merritt suggested that the Commission sign up for the Individual and Organization awards. Chairperson Compian advised Ms. Merritt to sign the KLMB Commission up for this award.

(13) REQUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Yancy reminded the Commission that February is Black History month and it is being celebrated at many of the area schools. She encouraged everyone to participate at black owned restaurants and business. Commissioner Yancy again encouraged everyone to intentionally celebrate Black History Month.

Commissioner Herrin announced that the Citizen Police Association is having their potluck tonight, and that the Crime Stoppers had their luncheon earlier today and she is hoping for the return of citizens watch patrol. She acknowledged the City Library and all the wonderful programs happening there. Commissioner Herrin proclaimed she is proud of her city, proud of the people she serves with and she's proud of the citizens of La Marque.

Councilwoman McAuliffe announced that the City of La Marque is included in the Galveston County Lemonade Day Celebration on May 4, 2019. She wanted to invite everyone with children to come out and have a lemonade stand. Councilwoman McAuliffe stated there will be a "build day" on April 27, 2019 to help construct a stand.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Herrin to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Yancy. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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