



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
of
December 11, 2019**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission held on December 11, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road, with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

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

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Joe Compian
Commissioner Katherine Herrin
Commissioner Tracie Steans
Commissioner Vivian Allen
Commissioner Alanah Brown
Commissioner Kimberley Yancy

ABSENT:

Commissioner Terry Pettijohn

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Garrett Bryce, Revitalization Specialist
Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Special Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019
Commissioner Herrin made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019. Commissioner Steans seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(5) PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation of the Good Neighbor Awards
Awards were presented to Betty Mullins and Brenda Harper in recognition of their contributions to La Marque.

(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens requested to address the Commission.

(7) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report - October 2019



Commissioner Allen presented the Financial Report for October 2019. Chairperson Compian asked Revitalization Specialist Bryce to inform the Commission regarding an unclaimed \$50 check that has remained in the financial report. Specialist Bryce reported that the check could not be removed as an unclaimed expense until the check is claimed. Commissioner Brown asked for staff to research who was to receive the check in order for it to be processed. Commissioner Herrin made a motion to accept the October 2019 Financial Report. Commissioner Steans seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding Keep Texas Beautiful and Texas Department of Transportation grant submission schedule

Chairperson Compian noted that the item had been discussed during the November meeting and during the December 11 Workshop. Compian said he will send the categories in the grant submission for the Governor's Award for distribution to the Commission, and asked Commissioners to consider individuals to nominate for awards. Compian stated that deadline is in February. No formal action was taken.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding Glad Recycling Craft for Kids

Chairperson Compian stated that the item had been discussed in November, and recommended moving forward with Commissioners taking instructor training for the program. He stated that if it is approved this month, it could be included in the categories for applications for grant awards. Commissioner Allen stated that the program would be a great opportunity for partnership with the library. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve undertaking the training. Commissioner Allen seconded. Commissioner Allen asked how many would attend the training. Chairperson Compian said as many as could, and that she would be welcome to attend the training and could carry the training beyond the Commission to other activities. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding Green Tree Plastics/ABC (A Bench for Caps) Promise Partnership

Chairperson Compian stated that the Commission's participation would be two-fold in the program. The Commission would solicit groups to collect caps and that there is a sign that can be placed over trash cans. Compian said that the benches would cost between \$200 and \$300, and the Commission could solicit sponsorships for the cost. Compian also stated that the benches could be made to honor certain individuals. Commissioner Allen asked if the benches were made in the United States of America. Chairperson Compian answered that they were. Commissioner Allen asked where the benches would be placed. Chairperson Compian said placement for the benches would be an opportunity to partner with the Parks Board. Commissioner Allen made a motion to move forward with



sponsoring the program. Commissioner Steans seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(9) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Christmas Light Competition

Commissioner Brown reported that 13 people have been nominated or nominated themselves for the competition. Brown stated that the entries span the entire city. She stated that voting will begin on December 13. Commissioner Allen discussed the guideline that the winner is ineligible to win two years in a row, and stated that it may be simpler to allow voting for a previous winner again. Chairperson Compian stated that the Commission had agreed to the guidelines. Commissioner Brown said that the rule is not part of the advertised guidelines. Chairperson Compian said he understood that all contestants could be nominated and voted on, but that the award winner from the previous year could receive an honorary recognition, and that the gift card award would go to the first place who had not won the previous year. Commissioner Brown asked if a previous winner changed or added decorations should they not win again. Commissioner Allen asked if there could be a sign made for the "Continued Excellence" winner who had won previously if they win a consecutive year. Chairperson Compian asked for clarification of the voting window. Commissioner Brown answered that voting would take place December 13-15. Commissioner Brown stated she would obtain another sign for "Continued Excellence". Chairperson Compian asked if the voting would take place on Facebook. Commissioner Brown answered that the contest would be on Facebook and that likes would count as votes. No formal action was taken on the item.

(10) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Compian reported that he had been deployed to Port Neches due to an incident at a chemical plant. He stated he would like to draft a letter to the Port Neches Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate to say that the Commission shares the trauma and crisis that their community has gone through. Compian said that he met with several volunteers at Port Neches and that they were committed to their community.

(11) PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

No report was provided.

(12) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Steans announced that a voter registration and training will take place on January 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1215 First Street in La Marque. Commissioner Yancy wished the Commission a Merry Christmas. Commissioner Herrin praised the La Marque Christmas Parade and stated that the La Marque Basketball Team is No. 10 in State. She also wished the Commission Merry Christmas.



(13) ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herrin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Allen seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Joe Compian
Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission

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