



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
of
January 8, 2020**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission held on January 8, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road, with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Katherine Herrin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Katherine Herrin
Commissioner Tracie Steans
Commissioner Alanah Brown
Commissioner Kimberley Yancy
Commissioner Terry Pettijohn

ABSENT:

Chairman Joe Compian

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Council Member Casey McAuliffe
Garrett Bryce, Revitalization Specialist
Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Workshop Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2019

Commissioner Alanah Brown motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the December 11 Workshop Meeting and the December 11 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Kimberley Yancy seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2019

Minutes approved in motion for item 4a.

(5) PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation of the Good Neighbor Awards

No Good Neighbor Award was presented for January.

b. Presentation of the Light Up La Marque Awards

The awards had been presented. No presentation was made at the meeting.



- c. Recognition of Roy Robison
The Commission presented a plaque and recognized Roy Robison for his service to La Marque.

(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens requested to address the Commission.

(7) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report - November 2019

Commissioner Herrin presented the November 2019 Financial Report. Commissioner Terry Pettijohn made a motion to accept the November 2019 Financial Report. Commissioner Tracie Steans seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding Keep Texas Beautiful and Texas Department of Transportation grant submission schedule
Commissioner Herrin discussed the grants submitted, and stated that the Commission had made a valiant effort during the past year with events such as the Fall Sweep and Spring Clean-Up that may lead to awards. The Commission discussed the dates to enter submissions. Commissioner Steans asked that the submissions include re-writing education as a focus. Commissioner Herrin asked if there were any other programs to be included, and said she would like to see more recycling classes. Commissioner Alanah Brown said that she had spoken with the library and there was interest in youth items such as after-school recycling classes and an Earth Day Festival for the community. Brown said she would be meeting with the library to further discuss possible events. Council Member Casey McAuliffe returned to the item later in the meeting and discussed the application included in the packet, and wanted to ensure that photos and promotional materials are being sent with submissions. Commissioner Herrin asked Commissioner Brown if she had access to the portal for submissions. Brown said she did and that she had images available from events for Chairman Compian to attach to submissions. Council Member McAuliffe asked if the Commission would see the application prior to submission. Commissioner Steans answered that the application was emailed to members. Commissioner Brown suggested bringing the application forward for the Commission's workshop in February. Commissioner Pettijohn brought the item back at a later time, stating that there was a Keep Texas Beautiful grant for recycling bins with submissions due in January. Commissioners discussed the grant, agreeing not to apply for the grant this year. Commissioners also discussed the possibility of having recycling bins available at events such as Fall Sweep and the Spring Clean-Up.
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for the Good Neighbor Award



Commissioner Herrin said she would submit nominations next month. Herrin suggested nominating former Commissioner Vivian Allen. Herrin nominated Allen and Dr. Laura Prida of Prida Animal Nation. Commissioner Steans nominated Tarina House of Blessings. Commissioner Herrin said she would gather information for Allen and Dr. Prida and asked Steans to provide information for Tarina. No formal action was taken.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for the Residential Yard of the Month

No nominations were available. Commissioner Herrin asked for input as Vivian Allen resigned her position. Commissioner Brown stated that Allen had often helped provide nominations. Commissioner Steans volunteered to undertake providing nominations. Commissioner Herrin suggested asking Allen to continue to assist in providing nominations. The Commissioners agreed for Steans to provide nominations. No formal action was taken.

d. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for the Business Yard of the Month

Commissioner Steans will also provide nominations for future Business Yard of the Month awards. No formal action was taken.

e. Discussion/possible action regarding the November 2019 Report from Waste Management

Commissioner Herrin presented the report. Commissioners discussed recycling numbers in the city. Council Member McAuliffe discussed recycling workshops and the possibility of the Commission holding an educational class on recycling. Commissioner Herrin suggested a hands-on class for the Commission. Herrin asked to add the discussion of grants and to place discussion of holding a recycling class on the agenda for the February workshop. No formal action was taken.

(9) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Christmas Light Competition

Commissioner Brown reported on the event. Brown said that the Facebook page attracted traffic and approximately 30 new members joined the group. Brown also noted that there was excitement for involvement in the contest next year. Commissioner Herrin stated her disappointment that the event had become a popularity contest on Facebook. Commissioner Steans said that those who entered their homes spent a lot of time on their homes, and said that the contest may need to be fine-tuned next year. Commissioner Yancy said the Commission needed to look at the motivation for the contest. Herrin suggested not having a monetary award but only a sign. Steans suggested starting the contest earlier next year to verify voting is within La Marque. No formal action was taken.



- b. Discussion/possible action regarding election of Commission officers
Commissioner Pettijohn suggested tabling the election of officers until a new Commissioner is appointed to replace Allen. Council Member McAuliffe stated the Commission should move forward and vote as January is the month to elect board officers. Herrin nominated Joe Compian as Chair. Pettijohn seconded the nomination. **MOTION PASSED 4-0-1, WITH COMMISSIONER ALANAH BROWN ABSTAINING.**

Commissioner Pettijohn nominated Katherine Herrin as Vice Chair. Commissioner Kimberley Yancy seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED 4-0-1, WITH COMMISSIONER ALANAH BROWN ABSTAINING.**

Commissioner Steans nominated Commissioner Alanah Brown as Treasurer. Commissioner Yancy seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Brown asked to discuss the Waterway Cleanup at Highland Bayou Park. Brown stated that the event will take place February 22 from 9 a.m. until noon in order to clean the lake before the Kid Fish event. Brown said that the city would cover lunch, but that she would asked to get supplies for the event. Commissioner Herrin asked how much the Commission would be spending. Council Member McAuliffe stated that the board could not take action on the item. Pettijohn noted that the Commission would meet before the event in February. Brown stated that H-E-B and Central Market serve as sponsor for the waterway cleanups and that she would contact people at other events to assist in the cleanup. Commissioner Herrin asked that the item be placed on the February meeting agenda to discuss the event and possibly approve funds.

(10) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Commissioner Herrin noted that Commissioner Compian was in Puerto Rico due to work. No other report was given.

(11) PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

No report was provided.

(12) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Steans said that she would be helping with voter registration on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Commissioner Brown said she had no additional announcements. Commissioner Pettijohn discussed the Library Board. Steans added announced that the Market on 3 would hold its "Junk in the Trunk" festival on January 18 at 10 a.m., and discussed the event. Commissioner Yancy announced that the MLK Parade and Celebration would take place on January 20, with the parade starting at La Marque High School, and that a celebration would take place on January 19. Yancy also announced that the Middle School Theatre will perform "Romeo and Juliet" and the La Marque High School



Theater will perform a play in February. Commissioner Herrin thanked the city, and the commission and that she looked forward to the coming year.

(13) ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Yancy made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pettijohn seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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