



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
KEEP LA MARQUE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
of
June 10, 2020**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission held on June 10, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference (ZOOM), with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Compian called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Joe Compian
Commissioner Katherine Herrin
Commissioner Tracie Steans
Commissioner Alanah Brown
Commissioner Kimberley Yancy
Commissioner Rebecca Mould

ABSENT:

Commissioner Terry Pettijohn

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Council Member Casey McAuliffe
Garrett Bryce, Revitalization Specialist
Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor
Colleen Merritt, Public Relations Specialist

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2020

Commissioner Rebecca Mould made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Alanah Brown seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation of the Good Neighbor Awards

Chairman Compian announced recipients of the Good Neighbor Awards as Andrew Berry, Amanda Leyva Kleinschmidt, Kinsey Armstrong, Roy Birkleback, Russell Dalton, Vickie Edwards, Candace Gunn, Trisha Hayman, Donna Heinrich, Ben Keith, Sarah Kimbrough, Lindsey Berry, Nada Linic, Dalia McBeth, Kathy Modzelewski, Julie Molis, Marilyn Peloquin, Erica Puccetti, Jeanie Reida, Pat Redwine Trevisani, Vivian Kleinschmidt, Lindsey Watson and Phil Young. Commissioner Katherine Herrin discussed the recipients.



- b. Welcome and Introduction of new KLMB Commission Member, Ms. Rebecca Mould
Chairman Compian welcomed Commissioner Mould as a member of the commission. Commissioner Mould discussed her background and her time in La Marque.

(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens requested to address the commissioners.

(7) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Financial Report - February 2020
- b. Financial Report - March 2020
- c. Financial Report - April 2020

Commissioner Brown presented the Financial Reports for February, March and April 2020. Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the reports. Commissioner Tracie Steans seconded the motion. Chairman Compian noted the amount of voluntary contributions in January. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding Keep Texas Beautiful and Texas Department of Transportation Governor's Award Results
Chairman Compian noted that KLMBC placed second in its category in the Governor's Awards. Compian also discussed the commission's progress in the awards over the past years and complimented the board. Commissioner Brown stated she was excited to share the commission's Silver Certificate online. Compian stated that the awards dinner is tentatively scheduled for September 29 in Houston, and that the conference may be broadcast on videoconferencing.
NO ACTION WAS TAKEN
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for the Good Neighbor Award
Chairman Compian discussed the Good Neighbor Award program and asked that commissioners seek nominees of individuals in the community who help others in La Marque. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**
- c. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for the Residential Yard of the Month
Chairman Compian asked about past yards recognized due to the delay. Commissioner Steans said that the commissioners are picking up signs from the old winners. Compian asked if there are no new yards. Commissioner Brown said there are no new yards but that yards will be nominated again as the commission is resuming meetings. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**



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

Chairman Compian asked if the situation was the same as with the Residential Yard of the Month. Commissioner Brown said it was. Compian asked that any commissioners with nominations contact Commissioner Steans. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

- e. Discussion/possible action regarding the Monthly Report from Waste Management

Revitalization Specialist Garrett Bryce stated that the reports were for February, March and April. Commissioner Brown stated that the reports were consistent in numbers as far as recycling and trash collection. Brown said that there was an uptick in trash collected over recycling collected and the impact of COVID-19 on collections. Chairman Compian said he had understood that there were increases in collections due to more people being home and ordering items online. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the creation of a Community Resource Online Page/Post, including COVID 19 Resources

Chairman Compian stated that the commission could work on resources in conjunction with the city. Compian noted that the city has listed many resources, but that there is a significant number of other resources available in response to COVID-19. Compian said that there is \$1.8 million in funding available to pay for utility assistance as well as rental assistance, available for those at as much as 200 percent of the poverty level. Compian noted other resources available for assistance and said the commission should be “a conduit” for identifying and promoting to the community. Commissioner Brown said she can share resources they have available on the commission’s Facebook page. Compian said that the Knights of Columbus would host a food distribution event on June 20. Compian also stated that a meeting will be held by the Ministerial Alliance of the police chiefs. Commissioner Kimberly Yancy said that the meeting is of area police chiefs and was to discuss police issues. Compian asked that information be directed to Commissioner Brown. Brown said that she would post any community events. Public Relations Specialist Colleen Merritt said that the city is not promoting events as the city is not permitting mass gatherings due to COVID-19. Compian and Brown asked for clarification and if food distribution events were allowed. Merritt said that food distribution events and other “contactless” assistance events were allowed. Compian asked for publication of funding assistance online. Merritt said she would partner with the commission for publicizing those items. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding reimbursement of Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate dues of \$175 and Governor’s Award submission fee of \$25



Chairman Compian said that when he had submitted the Governor's Award that there was a fee of \$25 and that the affiliate dues had not been reflected as paid. Commissioner Brown asked if the fees had been reflected as paid because she had received a past due notice. Compian asked Bryce regarding the payment. Bryce stated that a check had been sent for dues by the city but that he would research the matter further. Compian stated the item could be deferred. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding KLMB Commission recognition as a Silver Affiliate and requirements for Gold Affiliate recognition in 2020

Chairman Compian stated that the item was for information for goals to reach Gold Affiliate status. Compian said that increasing youth outreach was important, and that he would be forwarding ideas to the commissioners. Commissioner Brown said that Earth Day events were cancelled due to COVID-19 this year, but that the event should take place next year. Brown also said that she is working with others in the city to engage youth and start after school programs that Keep Texas Beautiful can join in conducting. Compian said activities are only for the 2020 term and that online activities will also qualify. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate recognition schedule and 2020 training and meetings

Chairman Compian discussed upcoming seminars and other meetings related to Keep Texas Beautiful. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

(10) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Compian discussed COVID-19 and the diversity of the representation in La Marque and on the commission. He also discussed responding to trash left at construction areas along Interstate Highway 45.

(11) PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Merritt discussed sharing the Silver Certificate Affiliate Award on social media, and that a video is available regarding the Governor's Award on the La Marque YouTube page. Merritt also discussed sharing of resources through the city.

(12) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Brown said she would like to discuss a Fall Sweep safely with COVID-19 and asked for discussion of the event to be placed on the next agenda. Commissioner Herrin discussed La Marque's business assistance programs, and a clothing closet at nursing homes in La Marque. Commissioner Steans discussed a kids program for piano and other musical instruments during COVID-19 at Small Events at 1215 1st Street. Commissioner Yancy discussed COVID-19 issues and online events. Commissioner Mould asked if there is a Halloween community even the commission participates in with the city at an area parking lot.



Commissioner Brown said the commission participates with the La Marque Public Library for activities. Council Member Casey Mc Auliffe said she was happy to meet with the commission again and discussed the death of George Floyd. Mc Auliffe encouraged questioning and discussing policies going forward. Chairman Compian said that some jurisdictions have started community discussions on Zoom regarding being better neighbors. Compian also stated that the commission will follow-up on Mc Auliffe's comments.

(13) REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No requests were made for future agenda items during this portion of the meeting.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mould made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

This unofficial copy of the minutes from the above meeting are posted for convenience only. Executed or certified copies of the minutes can be requested by contacting the City Clerk."
