



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

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission held on July 8, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. via **teleconference (ZOOM)**, with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Chairman Joe Compian
Commissioner Katherine Herrin (Arrived 6:08 p.m.)
Commissioner Tracie Steans
Commissioner Alanah Brown
Commissioner Kimberley Yancy
Commissioner Rebecca Mould
Commissioner Terry Pettijohn

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Code Compliance Supervisor Kathleen Van Stavern
Revitalization Specialist Garrett Bryce

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2020
Commissioner Rebecca Mould made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Alanah Brown seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation of the Good Neighbor Awards
No nominations had been made. No presentation was available.

(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens requested to address the commissioners.

(7) MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT



a. Financial Report - May 2020

Commissioner Brown presented the May 2020 Financial Report. Commissioner Mould made a motion to accept the May 2020 Financial Report. Commissioner Terry Pettijohn seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding nominations for the Good Neighbor Award
Chairman Joe Compian discussed nominations, noting that nominations can be made online.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

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

Commissioner Tracie Steans provide nominations. Commissioner Brown discussed the nomination of Carol Lewis of 709 Holly for Residential Yard of the Month. Commissioner Steans made a motion to accept the nomination of Carol Lewis of 709 Holly. Commissioner Mould seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Commissioner Brown discussed the nomination of Mainland Funeral Home at 2711 Texas Avenue as Business Yard of the Month. Commissioner Pettijohn made a motion to accept the nomination of Mainland Funeral Home at 2711 Texas Avenue. Commissioner Mould seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding the May 2020 Monthly Report from Waste Management

Chairman Compian discussed increases in garbage collection. Commissioner Brown discussed the decrease in recyclables during COVID-19 response and suggested adding a message to the commission's Facebook page.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

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

Chairman Compian stated would come back with a proposal related to this item at a future meeting. He noted the challenge of keeping updated information available. Commissioner Brown stated that she will post testing sites, food bank events and share city information on the commission's Facebook page.

Supervisor Kathleen Van Stavern suggested speaking with Public Relations Specialist Colleen Merritt to coordinate information with the city.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN



- f. Discussion/possible action regarding reimbursement of Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate dues of \$175 and Governor's Award submission fee of \$25
Chairman Compian discussed the item and stated that the payment of dues and the Governor's Award submission fee he made would be a contribution. He would not seek reimbursement of the fees.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- g. Discussion/possible action regarding Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate recognition schedule and 2020 training and meetings
Chairman Compian stated that the next conference will be online and that he would provide information to the commissioners. Commissioner Brown asked if there was a fee. Compian answered that there was a fee. Brown said she would like to attend. Compian also discussed the challenge of training opportunities due to COVID-19 and discussed possible activities the commissioners could hold.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action La Marque Fall Sweep event
Commissioner Brown stated that the event is usually held before Bayou Fest, and that she spoke with City Manager Charles "Tink" Jackson regarding holding the event with social distancing. Brown said residents could bring items from home and boxed lunches could be provided. Commissioner Kimberly Yancy said that the event is typically held after Bayou Fest. Chairman Compian asked if Bayou Fest would be held this year. Supervisor Van Stavern said the event is being discussed. Compian said that the item would be carried over to another meeting to discuss a formal date and backup.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding purchase of 10 "No Littering" signs at a cost of \$45.00 each for a total amount not to exceed \$450
Chairman Compian asked Supervisor Van Stavern for a presentation on the item. Van Stavern stated that the existing signs have all been used, and that some signs are faded, and that new signs would be provided for additional areas of the city. Commissioner Brown asked if more than 10 signs are needed. Van Stavern answered that the city will start with 10 new signs. Chairman Compian asked if Code Compliance still utilizes trail cameras to catch illegal dumping and littering. Van Stavern answered that the division depends more on citizen call-ins to identify litterers and illegal dumping. Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 "No Littering" signs in an amount not to exceed \$450.00. Commissioner Mould seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



(10) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Compian reported that he had been at home due to COVID-19. He also discussed bottles and trash in work areas along Interstate Highway 45.

(11) PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

No report was available.

(12) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Brown announced that traffic had increased slightly on the Keep La Marque Beautiful Facebook page. Commissioner Steans had no announcements. Commissioner Yancy challenged the commission to offset negative press for the city. Commissioner Pettijohn discussed the amount of children out in his neighborhood. Commissioner Mould inquired about supplying wipes, tissue paper and other items to area schools in the coming school year. Commissioner Brown suggested holding a drive for supplies. Chairman Compian suggested bringing that matter forward at the next meeting. Commissioner Yancy stated that school is starting programs on August 5, and that school funding will be tied to being open and said that hand sanitizer and other items are needed.

(13) REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Brown requested an item to discuss a bayou clean-up event and holding a clean-up event twice a year, including the possibility of holding an event two weeks before Bayou Fest. Brown also requested an item to discuss the formation of an organization tied to the commission to plant flags along Bayou Road on Memorial Day and other holidays. Chairman Compian said he would include that as a discussion item of future events. Commissioner Yancy requested an item to discuss support of the purchase of property being sold by Texas City Independent School District for a park or operations center. Chairman Compian stated he would include that as discussion of future events, and that land purchases would require city council approval. Yancy asked for a resolution of support.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brown made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mould seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Meeting adjourned at 6:53 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."
