

**MINUTES
PARKS AND CLEAN CITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 11, 2011
FOREST HILL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3219 CALIFORNIA PARKWAY
6:00 PM**

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Members present: Pearl Jones, Gladys Hardeman, Armando Villarreal, and Cameron Wafer

Members absent: Henry Johnson, Dana Robinson, and Rodney Wright

Staff present: Sheyi I. Ipaye, City Manager; Roberto Duenes, Public Work Superintendent; Dylan Whitehead, Building Official; and Lisa Dawn Cabrera, City Planner

Cameron Wafer delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance to the United States and the Texas flags were recited.

A. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM

No one wished to speak at this time.

B. CONSENT AGENDA: All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Parks & Clean City Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless so requested, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Approval of minutes date June 13, 2011

Committeewoman Hardeman made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Committeeman Wafer.

Motion passed without opposition.

C. DELIBERATION AGENDA

1. Discuss and consider "Keep Forest Hill Beautiful" Project (Pearl Jones, Chair)
 - a. Family Fun Day at the Park

Committeewoman Hardeman reported to the Committee that donations for school supplies has not been successful due to the fact that businesses want at least a year's advance notice so that they may budget for donations. Chairperson Jones reminded the Committee that the Family Fun Day at the Park was for the purpose of getting citizens to utilize the park facilities and due to the fact that the main reason for holding this activity so quickly was to give out school supplies to the kids in attendance, then the activity should be cancelled.

A discussion was held among the members of the Committee in regards to the lack of participation from citizens in conjunction with the park surveys that was sent out to residents asking what would

the citizens like to see within their park system. Committeemen Villarreal felt that citizens do not feel that the City will listen or act on their opinions and therefore they will not be heard.

Committeeman Villarreal stated that the group that he would like to adopt two medians, being Heritage Lane and Forest Hill Drive and Valley Forge Trail and Forest Hill Drive. They will be adopted by LASO (Latin American Student Organization) and Tarrant County College South Campus Department of History.

Mr. Duenes reminded everyone that the median at Landmark and Forest Hill Drive is still available for adoption. Ms. Jones would like to approach the City Council to adopt this median and give them the first option to turn this project down.

Committeeman Wafer made a motion for Ms. Jones to approach the City Council with the possibility of adopting the last remaining median, seconded by Committeeman Villarreal.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Creating a Sports Complex

Chairperson Jones informed the Committee collects fees for the Anglin and Griggs Park from sports organizations to utilize our parks and two of our Committeemen would be giving a report on this item. Chairperson Jones requested that this item be on the next agenda.

2. Discuss and consider a Storm Water Clean-up Day (Dylan Whitehead, Building Official)

Dylan Whitehead suggested to the Committee Members of creating a Storm Water Clean-Up Day as part of the Keep Forest Hill Beautiful Project. This would include having volunteers to work alongside City Staff and Committee Members to clean up the drainage ditches and stream channels within the city limits to clean up trash and debris that collects within our drainage channels. This will help with the flooding of streets and homes when it rains. Dylan would like to see the City become a part of the Keep Texas Beautiful Program which will open doors for further outreach within the City. A discussion was held concerning separating the Citywide Clean-Up Day and this new project. The consensus was not to hold them on the same day. We would need to look at which drainage areas are in real bad shape and start there.

A discussion concerning the Keep Texas Beautiful Program and the applying for this program and one of the steps required is to set up a budget and whether or not this budget would be the same budget as the Parks and Clean City Commission budget. Dylan said that he would submit an application for the Keep Texas Beautiful Program and start working on the steps to becoming an official affiliate of this program.

Committeeman Villarreal made a motion to make the Storm Water Clean-Up Day part of the Keep Forest Hill Beautiful Program and to begin the required steps to becoming an affiliate of the Keep Texas Beautiful Program, seconded by Committeewoman Hardeman.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Pearl Jones
Parks & Clean City Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lisa Dawn Cabrera
City Planner