

**MINUTES
PARKS AND CLEAN CITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 8, 2011
FOREST HILL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3219 CALIFORNIA PARKWAY
6:00 PM**

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

Members present: Pearl Jones, Gladys Hardeman, Dana Robinson, and Cameron Wafer

Members absent: Henry Johnson, Armando Villarreal, 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

Gladys Hardeman 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 July 11, 2011

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

Motion passed without opposition.

C. DELIBERATION AGENDA

1. Discuss and consider recycle bins placed throughout the city (Bridgette Mathis, Councilwoman)

Councilwoman Mathis addressed the Committee with the idea of placing a recycling bin for newspapers, magazines, and various paper products in our parks. This would not cost the City for placing the bins within our City. When the bins are emptied and recycled, the company pays the City a portion of the recycling profits and would be good to place it in our Park Fund.

A discussion was held among the Committee, City Staff, and Councilwoman Mathis regarding the possibility of people illegal dumping and using the dumpster areas as a dump site. The idea is a good one but we would need to educate our citizens as to what would be allowed to be thrown away in these dumpsters. The dumpsters are kept locked, but people have been known to break

the lids of the dumpsters that we currently have and throw whatever they want to away. Should we consider doing this then the dumpsters would be need to be in a well-lit area that could service the entire City and publish the fact that they are available for recycling disposal for paper only. The bins would be emptied on a set schedule or should the bin need extra attention then we could call and have them pick it up. Should the citizens not utilize the bins then the company would come and pick them up. We would need to ensure that there is not a clause within the City's contract with IESI that prohibits us from using an outside contractor for this type of service.

The Committee asked the City Manager to check the contract with IESI and ensure the current contract does not conflict with the recycling company and that we could have both in the City.

Committeewoman Hardeman made a motion to table this item until such time as the City Manager can clear up the questions that were asked, seconded by Committeeman Wafer.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider "Keep Forest Hill Beautiful" Project (Pearl Jones, Chair)

a. Family Fun Day at the Park

Chairperson Jones informed the Committee that the Family Fun Day at the Park was indeed cancelled for this year, but a formal motion was not made at the last meeting.

Committeewoman Hardeman made a motion to can the Family Fun Day at the Park for August 13, 2011, seconded by Committeeman Wafer.

Motion passed with no objection.

b. Creating a Sports Complex

Committeeman Robinson stated we need to decide what kind of complex is the City would like to have in order to be able to put a document together that would be able to ask for help from various organizations. Chairperson Jones informed the guests that were in the audience that we charge fees for the utilization of the parks for help with updating them to where we will be able to attract organizations to use our parks.

c. Citywide Clean-Up Day

Chairperson Jones informed the Committee that as part of our Keep Forest Hill Beautiful Program that the Committee would like to hold two (2) Citywide Clean-up Days. A discussion ensued about should we change the way we conduct the clean-up days or continue to conduct them the same way. Mr. Duenes made the comment that sending out trucks and trailers to travel the City and pick up trash and debris that has been thrown around our streets, ditches, and properties within the City was a huge success this past event. Ms. Cabrera informed the Committee that at the City-wide Clean up this November that we might not be able to accept tires this time due to the issues that arose from the last clean up with the company that provided the trailer for the tire collection.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Pearl Jones
Parks & Clean City Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lisa Dawn Cabrera
City Planner