

**MINUTES
PARKS AND CLEAN CITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 10, 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, Dana Robinson, Armando Villarreal, and Cameron Wafer

Members absent: Henry Johnson 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

Armando Villarreal 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 August 8, 2011

Committeewoman Hardeman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Committeeman Wafer.

Motion passed without opposition.

C. DELIBERATION AGENDA

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

a. Fall Citywide Clean-up Day

(1) Adopt-A-Park

Ms. Jones discussed with the Committee to ask citizens who live by the parks to maybe pick up trash at and around the parks and bring it to the clean-up days when we have them, but it is too late to suggest this idea with residents near the parks.

Committeewoman Hardeman made a motion to accept the date of November 12 as a Citywide Clean-up day and postpone the Adopt-A-Park clean-up for some time in the future, seconded by Committeeman Villarreal.

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued concerning the Citywide Clean-up, the tire trailer for the clean-up day, and advertising for the clean-up day. Ms. Jones wanted to ensure that on the Connect CTY informs citizens that the only proof of residency that will be accepted is a copy of the water bill. The Committee discussed about maybe getting banners or signs and marketing in that way.

b. Adopt-A-Median Status Update (TCC Groups & City Council)

Mr. Villarreal informed the Committee that he has been checking the medians, but the Public Works Department has been maintaining them. He stated that it was difficult to get his students to participate when school is not in session. A discussion was held about the possibility of the City Council adopting the last median. Mr. Duenes informed the Committee that the Public Works Department had already landscaped all the medians and whoever adopts them just needs to maintain them.

No action was taken.

2. Planning for 2012

a. Sports Complex Recommendations

Committeeman Robinson started a discussion regarding the upgrading the Anglin Ballpark into a Sports Complex and that it was going to take quite a bit of money. The Committee members thought that if we started with one field and expanded later that Associations would pay to play on a decent field and then we could expand and keep our kids playing in Forest Hill.

The discussion continued into the topic of what does our field need and it was decided that we need to obtain land to expand to have other fields to offer to the Associations in the City, new bleachers, new concession stand, a solution to the drainage issue. We need to find someone who could possibly draw up some plans for the design of the ball field. We need to find out who owns the property adjacent to the ball fields and if they are current with the taxes on the property.

No action was taken.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Pearl Jones
Parks & Clean City Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lisa Dawn Cabrera
City Planner