



**MINUTES of
PARKS AND CLEAN CITY COMMITTEE
August 9, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

The Parks and Clean City Committee met on the above date at 6:02 p.m. with the following Committee members and City Staff present: Henry Johnson, Pearl Jones, Dana Robinson, Gladys Hardeman, Economic Development and Community Relations Director Venus Wehle and Acting Public Works Director Roberto Duenes. Absent: Rodney Wright.

Opening Agenda:

A. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chair, Pearl Jones called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

B. Invocation

Invocation was delivered by Board member Henry Johnson

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags

Pledges to United States and Texas Flags were recited.

D. Presentation: planetaid.org, Stephen Simmons

Guest presenter was introduced by Ms. Wehle Director of Economic Development/Community Relations Director. Handout was distributed to follow along.

E. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider Minutes of the August 9, 2010 Parks and Clean City Committee meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Gladys Hardeman, seconded by Board member Henry Johnson to accept the minutes as printed without any corrections. Mrs. Jones asked that the amendments be made to the document and be submitted to the Council for inclusion in their packets and **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Hardeman, Robinson
Nays: None
Absent: Wright

F. Deliberation Agenda

2. Discuss and consider Planet Aid community project.

Before the group was a decision of whether to support the Go Green project as presented by Mr. Simmons from his organization's website.

Ms. Hardeman asked how the citizens would get credit for their donations (tax-credit). It was explained that the businesses in Forest Hill would agree to place collection containers near their locations. Since the focus was on businesses, citizens could request a letter to denote credit for their gifts.

Ms. Jones inquired about why the appeal to the P&C since the target was for businesses. Instead of having this board agree to submit a proposal, why not have the businesses who were a party/participants in the preliminary testing/feasibility/successes, appear directly before the council introducing the project/program as a joint effort between Planet-Aid and the businesses in the community. Ms. Jones further stated she believed the city council would be more agreeable to welcome the joint venture since conservation is a national concern with a far greater city impact for implementation. To help further the idea it was suggested that Mr. Simmons provide examples of other city's (North Texas neighbors) incorporation plan as a guide: clearly explaining implementation, challenges, successes to date in the areas.

The committee determined that although the idea bears consideration, it was not prepared based on the information shared at this meeting to proceed further at this time.

It was suggested by Ms. Jones that for future speakers where a potential endorsement of a project or program that this board would appreciate information far in advance to conduct its own homework and/or investigative research especially when a motion for an ordinance is concerned (anticipated). Ms. Jones thanked Mr. Simmons for coming.

Discussion ended with a motion to table by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Hardeman, Robinson
Nays: None
Absent: Wright

The next meeting is scheduled for September as documented per calendar.

G. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approval:

Gladys Hardeman, Secretary

Pearl Jones, Chair