

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Conference Room at Lake Jackson City Hall, 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, TX with the following present:

Amy Tasto, Chair	Celeste Rogers
Stacy Lewis, Vice-Chair	Glen Jones
Cassandra Zamoralez, Secretary	Shirley Ann Miller
Regina Tidwell, Jones Creek	Debby Soltesz, Past President
Lora-Marie Bernard, PIO	Bryce Carleton, Parks Super

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - 6:02 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - November 15, 2022
 - a. Motion from Cassandra, seconded by Stacy.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
3. **REPORT ON LANDSCAPING PROJECTS - BRYCE CARLETON**
 - a. Two things coming up:
 - i. March 5th Servolution (2-hour projects)
 - ii. April 6th Easter Egg Hunt (Arbor Day tree giveaway)
 - b. No current landscape projects.
 - c. Bed cleanup coming – can organize into a workday.
 - d. A little early to trim and cutting things down.
 - e. Fence is falling at Xeriscape Park – suggestion for it to be an Eagle Scout project.
 - f. Bryce assigned to get quotes and will see if sanitation would be willing to split the cost with KLJB.
4. **SUMMARY OF FALL/WINTER 2022 ACTIVITIES**
 - a. Last workday – lots of trash and recycling collected downtown.
 - b. Festival of Lights Parade was canceled at the last minute (after cars were already decorated).
 - c. Sold \$400-500 worth of ornaments.
 - d. Night at Hogwarts – 421 attendees – over 150 mandrakes were made at our station.
 - i. We are invited back for next year’s event.

- e. Shredding was slower than normal.
- f. The car is ready to be wrapped. Lora-Marie will reach out for the final quote.
 - i. Suggestion to buy a cover.
 - ii. Glen offered to store the car at a warehouse in Freeport.

5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON STORY WALK PARTNERSHIP WITH LAKE JACKSON LIBRARY

- a. April – Earth Day month
- b. We need to buy 3 copies of the book.
 - i. Library suggestion: Plants Can't Sit Still by Rebecca E. Hirsch
 - 1. Shirley motioned to buy 3 books, seconded by Glen.
 - 2. Passes unanimously.
 - 3. Amy will buy books and take them to Ande.

6. PLAN FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2023 ACTIVITIES AND WORKDAYS

- a. Regina's observations of areas that need attention:
 - i. Area behind St Michael's and Altus
 - ii. Big businesses are the biggest problem – H-E-B, Target, TDECU, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Home Depot – behind the businesses and the ditches.
- b. Kid's craft at the library – sometime in April
- c. Workdays:
 - i. Saturday, February 11 (weather permitting), 9:00 a.m., start at H-E-B and move to Altus (side parking lot by Yoshi)
 - ii. Sunday, March 5th – Servolution
 - iii. Saturday, March 11th – 9:00 a.m., waterway (maybe Oyster Creek or Shy Pond)
 - iv. March 25th hopefully e-waste recycling with Keep Brazoria County Beautiful (pending donations)
 - v. Plan to talk to Texas Gulf Bank about a shred day in April (maybe 22nd for Earth Day)
- d. GCAA due February 17th
- e. Certification process to become a "Scenic City Texas."
 - i. Codes and ordinances (landscaping and beautification) get graded to see how in line they are with community standards.
 - ii. Certification process starts February 1st.
- f. Fee – a couple thousand dollars
- g. "Tree City" designation through Arbor Day foundation
 - i. \$2 per capita spent on trees.
 - ii. If mulch site numbers are included, we meet the requirements.

7. REPORT ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- a. Downtown revitalization is moving along slowly.
- b. The lights on the city entry sign are not working – Brazosport Electric will go check on it.

8. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- a. St Patrick’s Day parade – March 11th
- b. 2nd Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Keep Brazoria County Beautiful takes household chemicals at the landfill in Richwood (no e-waste)
- c. Rotary shrimp boil – April 22nd
- d. Brazoria County Master Gardeners – online citrus sale February 4th and 5th
- e. Boots & Bling – February 4th – looking for donations for auction items.
- b. Brazoria County Day at the rodeo – March 16th
- c. West Pearland library – Easy Spring Gardening (beginner class) – February 9th 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

9. DISCUSS NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURN - 7:03 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Cassandra Zamorales, Secretary

Amy Tasto, Chair