

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, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alden Dow Museum**, 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, TX with the following present:

Amy Tasto, Chair	Celeste Rogers
Stacy Lewis, Vice-Chair	Glen Jones
Shirley Ann Miller	Jeri Yenne
Ande Larsen	Hali McCurry
Debby Soltesz	Lora-Marie Bernard, PIO
Bryce Carleton, Parks Superintendent	

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at 6:24 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 2023
 - Motion to accept minutes as written by Ande, second by Glen, motion passed unanimously.
3. REPORT ON LANDSCAPING PROJECTS - **BRYCE CARLETON**
 - Nothing recommended at this time due to drought.
 - We have lost many trees this year due to the drought.
4. REVIEW 2023 LITTER INDEX - **STACY LEWIS**
 - The litter index score was 1.57, which is down from last year.
 - 3 areas are still bad and will require more attention: behind Chicken Express, behind Walgreens/Alley, and behind Target.
5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON NEW MASCOT COSTUME
 - Olympus eliminated. Discussion on timelines and items provided. Motion from Glen to purchase costume from Loonie Tunes, second from Stacy. Motion carries.
6. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROJECT

- The board discussed numerous potential projects for winning the GCAA this year from Keep Texas Beautiful and TXDoT. It was decided to focus on HWY 288 & FM 2004 corridor with projects to include: landscaping overpass slopes, removing dead trees, planting large oak trees in front of Plantation site, re-mulching existing highway slope planting, planting trees, planting wildflower seeds, and additional clean up and maintenance of existing landscaping. Motion made by Shirley Ann to accept the above list of GCAA projects. Second from Jeri. Motion passed. Project list will be presented to City Council and pending their approval to TXDoT.

7. DISCUSS AND SET CALENDAR FOR FALL/WINTER 2023 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

- Shred day - Amy will contact Texas Gulf Bank for available dates. Glen suggested using a different traffic pattern for this event.
- Festival of Light - 11/18/23 - KLJB will decorate Charlie's car and has been asked to decorate the mayor's car again as well. We still have ornaments to sell at the information booth so will need volunteers to help staff at the booth.
- A Night at Hogwarts with the Lake Jackson Library - 12/9/2023 - Ande presented 3 ideas for potential crafts: Modge podge pots using recycled Harry Potter books, terrariums, and spell jars.
- Workdays:
 - 9/23/23 – 8:00 a.m. meet at Walgreens.
 - 10/14/23 – 8:00 a.m. meet at Target.
 - 11/11/23 – 8:00 a.m. meet at City Hall.

8. REPORT ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY - will be assigned at the next meeting.

9. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST -

- Suggestion to have Modesto give a recycling update at the next meeting.
- KBCBA is working towards forming a new board.
- Keep Alvin Beautiful was informed of what Lake Jackson is doing for recycling.
- Library - StoryWalk™ is going well, KLJB will sponsor next April. They are also starting a Literature in the Garden program with Junior Master Gardeners/Brazoria County Extension Service.

10. DISCUSS NEXT MEETING DATE - September 19, 2023

11. ADJOURN - 8:07 p.m.

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

Cassandra Zamoralez, Secretary

Amy Tasto, Chair