

City of Humble Beautification Committee:

Meeting Minutes – JANUARY 15, 2019

In Attendance: Gwen Key Willis, Margie Parker, Fidel Martinez, Arliss Bentley, Lois Bean, Diane Pierce, Margaret Jo Byron, Polly Heil-Mealey, Councilman A. Steagall, Councilman D. Pierce, Maria Elan.Lopez, and Chris Green

Gwen called the meeting to order at 12:50pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected (date of next meeting needed to be changed). Motion made by Lois and seconded by Margie. Motion passed.

Adopt a City Street Program: Gwen went to the Keep Texas Beautiful Meeting and became aware of some news ideas for this program. She also mentioned a “Governor’s Award and she volunteered to be a judge for that in March. She will put a presentation together and bring it to the next meeting.

Recycling, & Spring Clean-up: Polly stated that Junk King will give her a list of items that they will take. This list will be placed in the flier in the water bills for March & April. The committee will discuss the number of dumpsters needed for debris at the February meeting.

Good Oil Days: There is now a committee for this event. Gwen stated that there would be a street dance on Friday night with a live band and a beer garden at the Green Oaks Tavern. Ave B and C will be closed for the event and the dance is the kick off for the Good Oil Days on Saturday. There will be live music all day on Saturday and a kids section.

Main Street & Historic Downtown Humble: No report

Artesian Well: No report

Code Enforcement—Areas of concern within the city: Fidel addressed several areas of concerns from the committee members. The RV parked at 409 Main is allowed. He addressed the trash in the area behind SAMS club with those in charge. The problem is there is no fence line to stop the trash from blowing out of the parking lot and onto the lot. He will check with them and see if they will build a fence but there is nothing in the codes that would force them to do that. Fidel

stated that the bandit signs have slowed down. He also stated that all donation bins in the city must now be registered. Tickets will be written and fines given for those organizations who do not have their bins registered. It was stated that he also needs to check on the house at 711 Hermann.

Promotion/Advertising for city and local events: Nothing to report

Old Cemetery on South Houston: Margie and her daughter put the bows up on the fence for the Christmas holidays. She will take them down soon. Flags will be placed in the cemetery in July.

Christmas Parade: Vendors are still an issue. It is difficult to address this until someone sees them at night.

Categories that the participants state their group will go under needs to be narrowed down.

There needs to be ropes or some type of fencing in order to keep people who are watching the parade get so far into the street. That will be addressed. Councilman Pierce stated that maybe we could get sponsors to pay for the rental of bleachers for the parade.

The lighting contest was discussed. The question asked again was can we get the signs for the commercial winners as we did for the residential winners. Chris and Gwen will check on that. The senior citizens would like to be judges again for the 2019 lighting contest. Mari took them all on the bus and they drove around the area they were judging and had a great time. Diane asked what the criteria was for judging. It was decided that there should be themes for the judging and Arliss will come up with some criteria for that. Gwen will email the judging sheets to all committee members and that way all members can provide suggestions to Arliss. Another component of the contest was that people wanted to know who won ASAP. Suggestions were made to put that info on the city website and get it to the newspapers as quickly as possible. The awards ceremony held on January 10th was a big success.

Other Discussion as needed: A new line item needs to be put on the agenda. That item is:

KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm. Next meeting February 6, 2019.