

City of Humble Beautification Committee:

Meeting Minutes –NOVEMBER 3, 2021

In Attendance: Gwen Willis, Fidel Martinez, Sharon Mittag, Lois Bean, Arliss Bentley, Margaret Jo Byron, Diane Pierce, Councilman David Pierce, Councilman Bruce Davidson, Darlene Ward, Dr. Braddick and Chris Green

Gwen Willis called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes; Motion by, Diane and seconded by Sharon. Motion passed.

Discussion and action on City Of Humble Festivals:

Farmers Market: This market is called the *Living Well Market*. The next market will be held on the first Saturday of the month. The market is from 9am -2pm and is held at Schott Park.

Humble Clean Up: The clean-up day went well. “On the Go Shredding” was very busy. Junk King did well also. They will both return next year. Dumpsters located at the Cezeaux Center were discussed. Next year, Margaret Jo would like a general list of the items that can go into the dumpsters. It was brought up that there is no way to “police” the dumpsters for yard debris only. Diane asked if there would be any interest in doing a clean-up twice a year. This will be put on the agenda for January. David suggested that maybe there was a group the committee could partner with for the clean-up.

Main Street & Historic Downtown Humble: The planter boxes that have been decorated with a fall/Halloween theme were a hit. Every business did a great job with this project. Arliss was commended for the great job she did on getting each business owners to take on this project in front of their business.

Mark Arnold is now in charge of the Artisian Well area and has gotten a bid from Fox Family Pools. The Beautification Committee will be included in the design.

Margaret Jo is still working on the plaques for the dedications. Once the plaques are ordered it usually takes about 6weeks for them to be shipped.

Code Enforcement—Areas of concern within the city: The grass at 319 N. Houston Ave. is very tall. Gwen stated that she has been inside the building as the owner wants to put it on the market.

Promotion/Advertising for city and local events: No update.

Old Cemetery on South Houston: The Veterans Day Celebration will be held on November 11, 2021 at 11am. Congressman Dan Crenshaw is unavailable to be the guest speaker. The program has been completed. Margie has a WWII medic lined up to speak also. Margie went on to state that there will be music this year with a soloist. The challenge coins will be given out to the Veterans in attendance.. The American Legion Commander will be at the ceremony and he will be speaking on the meaning of each fold of the flag. Home Depot donated 21 flags for the graves of veterans. Margaret Jo has contacted the Tribune to attend.

Christmas Parade:

The parade is Tuesday, December 7, 2021. The parade route is down to Houston Ave and having the floats turning right. It is hoped that the floats can disburse at St. Mary's or at the Gospel Assembly Church as it is too far to go to the Humble Civic Center. The walkers can still go to Higgins. The lighting contest will be judged on Monday, Dec. 6th. The Senior Citizens are looking forward to judging the contest.

The reception will be at *The Bender* this year. Fidel is working on this. He is also working on the Lighting and Sound quotes. The ornaments are being shipped around November 22nd..

The theme for the 2022 parade was discussed again. Arliss brought up several great points about the theme; some from suggestions from the businesses on Main Street. Arliss said that the parade themes should be geared toward the kids. She stated we shouldn't just pick a theme but that we need to think about how the kids can do the themes—how they can be most creative. She presented a list of themes. The theme that was accepted for 2022 was “*Magical Music of Christmas*”. Diane went on to suggest that the committee should pick a separate theme each year.

Arliss is going to ask Mark Arnold to have the decorations put up by November 15th.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Sharon and a second by Lois for adjournment at 4:51 pm

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, *January 5, 2022* AT THE HUMBLE CIVIC CENTER AT 3:30 PM.