

Minutes of the Keep Richwood Beautiful Commission

The Keep Richwood Beautiful Commission called Meeting of April 6, 2021

BE IT KNOWN THAT, a Keep Richwood Beautiful Commission of City of Richwood was held April 6, 2021, beginning at 5:30 PM PM in the Richwood City Hall, located at 1800 Brazosport Blvd. N, Richwood, Texas 77531.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Brittany Figaro:	Present
Sonia Foger:	Absent
Janet Jackson-Ellis:	Present
Audrey Johnson:	Present
Tara Riley:	Present, arrived at 5:57 p.m.
Becky Thompson:	Present
Lindsie Yearsin:	Present

Also in attendance: Kimberly Mayer, Executive Director; Melissa Strawn, Council Liaison; Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary

III. WORKSHOP

A. Service Hour Log Workshop

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leslie Klug - addressed the committee regarding seeing the City staff and Council members as human and approachable and not so formal. Ideas she has to be interactive is to have a dunking booth or something like that for events to make the staff being apart of the fun festivities. Have staff at events that can speak to the public events and can help answer questions for residents.

William Yearsin - addressed the committee and stated that he's been paying attention to the committees and that KRB does more than they are intended to. He added that he would love to help out more if possible. He also added comments regarding the garden and how well its going. He added the clean ups are great, and would love to help get more volunteers out there. He added that clean ups on 2004 is much needed, there is a lot of trash there. He added the neighborhood streets need attention also.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular meeting held February 2, 2021
2. Regular meeting held March 2, 2021

Motion to approve minutes with amendment to attendance. This motion, made by Becky Thompson and seconded by Lindsie Yearsin, Passed.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VI. REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS

A. KTB Regional Training, March 31

Kimberly reported on the recent training, stated that the committee can partner with Keep Pearland Beautiful for recycling, and she was able to present on behalf of Richwood and the community garden.

B. Easter

Kimberly reported that Easter was kind of slow, and there were left over eggs. She added that Lindsie took eggs to Polk Elementary. All students were able to receive eggs. Hopefully next year we are in person and can do it closer to Easter.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

A. Earth Day, April 17

Brittany reported that she had some reusable bags donated for earth day.

Kimberly reported some ideas she had to do at earth day - April 17 10-12 at Ellis park

- Seed bombs
- Birdfeeder craft
- Recycling boxes
- Recycling challenge
- Snow cones or food truck
- Possibly BB's mobile barn yard

Brittany proposed setting the budget at \$600

Discussion held on volunteers.

Motion to set budget for \$600 for earth. This motion, made by Audrey Johnson and seconded by Janet Jackson-Ellis, Passed.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

B. Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off, April 10

Kimberly reported that she has ordered supplies - she requested everyone meet at city hall at 9:30am to set up, and she will bring breakfast.

She added that we need someone to pull the trailer that holds all the of the trash bags.

The plan is to start at city hall and work towards FM 2004, she added Keep Texas

Beautiful would like a photo of the most interesting item found in the cleanup.

C. May Parks Clean Up, May 8

Kimberly reported Public Works will be power washing ahead of time, she would like to add mulch, and replace plants that were damaged in the freeze.

Kimberly reported she thinks a budget of \$425 would work. Brittany recommended the committee to raise the budget to \$500.

Motion to approve budget of \$500. This motion, made by Janet Jackson-Ellis and seconded by Becky Thompson, Passed.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

D. Yard of the Month

Brittany stated she has the addresses for Yard of the Month at home, she will bring them Saturday and have it narrowed to pick.

She added that she would like to start giving a certificate to the winners of Yard of the Month.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and action regarding allocation of donations recieved from the Richwood Farmer's Market.

Lindsie recused herself since she is a private party running the farmer's market.

Kimberly presented information and ideas for use of funds.

Brittany stated she likes the idea of green house and the pop-up parks with games.

Melissa stated at a previous school they did an environmental craft with reminders to conserve energy.

Consensus of the committee is to focus on community garden and look into getting a greenhouse.

Motion to focus funds from farmers market to greenhouse and pop up park attributes. This motion, made by Janet Jackson-Ellis and seconded by Becky Thompson, Passed.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Abstain with conflict: 1, Lindsie Yearsin

B. Discuss and consider reusable water bottles.

Brittany presented information regarding reusable water bottles. She stated she will get prices and bring it back to a future meeting.

C. Discuss and consider implementing an Adopt-a-Senior Program.
Brittany presented information on an adopt-a-senior program.

Brittany stated she and Kimberly will get with the City about starting the program.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kimberly reported the committee's financials.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly reported she is still working on the green bag grant, she met with Clif at the garden with how Public Works will help with the drip irrigation. Will need volunteers to work on it at some point.

Another project is the rainwater barrels, attaching gutter to the shed to collect more water. Cut flowers - Kimberly has an idea about growing cut flowers at the garden. She would like the committee to grow flowers, they attract pollinators and cut them to sell at the market.

In the garden now: tomatoes and peppers, broccoli, potatoes, onions. She has done companion planting to keep the insects away.
All raised beds are accounted for — they are either planted or adopted by someone.

Kimberly added that she judged a GCAA category, and it was a great help to see other cities and how they write it. She also applied to be a judge for beautify Texas awards.

She asked if the committee wanted to reschedule the waterways clean up.

She is also looking into ways to bring in revenue, possibly kids craft day.

XI. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

No report.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

May 4, 2021

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Waterway clean up - reschedule

Kids craft

Grow Bag Program

Flags for Memorial

Schools as a stem program

Homeschool outreach

Executive session - discussion and action non-profit status / amending by laws and job responsibilities

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on this 1st day of June 2021.

ATTEST:

Chairman