

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 27th day of January 2009, the Beautification/Parks & Recreation Committee of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting at the Visitor's Center of said city at 5:45 P.M. with the following members present: Janice Hawley, Margaret McMahan, Eddie Virgil, Mingo Marquez, and JoAnn Fields

Visitors Present

Debra Molina
Alex Molina
Charlie Hawkins Jr.

City Employees

Larry Fansher
Margie Allen

Call Meeting to Order:

Eddie Virgil called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from last meeting were read. Margaret McMahan made a motion to approve and Janice Hawley seconded.

Recognize Visitors:

Visitors were recognized; Charlie Hawkins Jr., Debra and Alex Molina. Charles Hawkins Jr. expressed an interest in naming the ball fields at Stephen F. Austin Park. Debra and Alex Molina came back to express an interest in Antonelli's again.

Naming of Stephen F Austin Ball Field #1

It was brought to the board, by Mr. Charlie Hawkins Jr., to name the ball fields at Stephen F. Austin Park after Mr. Jonny Lawhon for his longtime support of the Freeport Girls Softball Association. Mr. Hawkins was asked to bring together more biographical information on Mr. J. Lawhon to bring before city council. Mr. Hawkins was also asked about what the ideas of a memorial. It was noted to include the naming of the ball fields at Stephen F. Austin Park as an action item at the next meeting.

New Lease of Antonelli's Rootbeer Stand

It was discussed by the board, the current lease holder of Antonelli's Root Beer Stand being unable to uphold the lease agreement due to personal reasons. Mr. Marquez brought attention to the board that the vacancy of Antonelli's needs to be brought to the attention of the community to be fair for any lease decisions made. A motion was made by Mr. Marquez to announce Antonelli's availability, Ms. JoAnn Fields seconded. The board will be accepting letters of interest in regards to Antonelli's for the next 30 days. The Molina's made note of their interest at the board meeting as well as the hopes for opening, if accepted, by the beginning of summer.

Yard of the Month:

It was discussed by the board, nominations for Yard of the Month. Sonic was decided on for the commercial consideration as well as 1426 8th Street for the residential side. The motion was made by Ms. Margaret McMahan and seconded by Mr. Mingo Marquez Jr., all were in favor. The board will be bringing considerations for the Velasco area to the next board meeting.

Director's Report:

The Parks Director's Report included discussion of the continuing recovery from Hurricane Ike. Work is still being done and looked at for the awing at the recreation center, the River Place pier, as well as roofs on buildings around the city. Status is progressing slowly, but surely. The new landscaped flowers in Freeport Memorial Park were noted with positivity. The recreation center staff was well commended for their efforts in the Basketball Program. The Park Grant was also mentioned and the board was asked for considerations. It was thought to have a work session meeting for the grant.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Janice Hawley to adjourn and seconded by JoAnn Fields at 6:30pm.