

STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)

CITY OF FREEPORT)

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 25th day of January 2011, 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 5:30pm with the following members present:
Eddie Virgil, JoAnn Fields, Margaret McMahan, Rosemary Bravo, Susan Pettijohn

City Staff:
Larry Fansher, Jill Bradshaw

Call Meeting to Order:
Meeting called to order by Eddie Virgil at 5:31pm

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Margaret McMahan made a motion to accept the minutes and Joann Fields seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the October 29th 2010 meeting minutes.

Recognize Visitors:
No visitors present

Discuss/Consider Freeport Youth Basketball Tournament and Banquet:
We are currently in the middle of the basketball season. It was mentioned and a request was made to the Parks Board members to assist as volunteers for the basketball tournament and banquet. The banquet is the last Sunday of February at RiverPlace. It was suggested that the BISD superintendent might be willing to speak to the basketball players during the banquet. It was mentioned that help would be needed with the concessions stand and hall monitoring.

Discuss: Spring Park Events Joy Ride Rod Run
Joy Ride is in March. A good turnout usually happens when the weather is good and not so good when it rains. We will be getting the park ready for this event. Lots of compliments have been expressed on the park and the hospitality of the city from the event coordinators. We have already contacted the organizer and the date has been confirmed for March 19th and 20th. Board members were invited to come out and see the cars from all over the United States.

Discuss Landscaping Project Along Highway 288 Corridor:
Landscaping along the corridor of 288 and Gulf Blvd right of ways is looking good. The petunias are beautiful along the corridor making a major effect with color and manicuring. We are also planting 1150 live oak trees along this same corridor. The funding to assist with the mowing has come through and we have hired a mowing company to help keep up with the maintenance of the new landscaping going in.

Discuss Yard of the Month Beautification Program:
Board discussed the possibility of looking for a residence to present the Yard of the Month to at the February meeting for a March presentation and if not they would wait until April to male the presentation.

Park Directors Report:

Ball fields are getting ready for the season to start. Once the landscaping is finished, we will be moving over to the ball fields. We are also gearing up for spring events. If doesn't slow down for us. Rec. Center is getting ready the for summer season and staying busy with the Zumba classes and patrons utilizing the weight room . They are also working on the pool to get it ready for the sumer season. We will be overseeing some minor upgrades at the Rec. Center with a new counter, paint and redo of the ceiling.

No other business was presented and the following were suggestions for the next month's agenda – Yard of the Month, update on Basketball, and preparations for upcoming events.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm with the motion made by Margaret McMahan and rosemary Bravo made the second motion. The meeting was adjourned.