CITY OF FREEPORT BEAUTIFICATION/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 22, 2008 Visitor's Information Center 5:30pm

Members & Visitors Present:

Dan Tarver
Janice Hawley
Eddie Virgil
Mingo Marquez, Jr.
Margaret L. McMahan

Larry Fansher
Pam Winkworth
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The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm.

Election of the Officers.

A motion was made by Margaret McMahan and seconded by Janice Hawley to elect Dan Tarver as Chairperson with all voting in favor. A motion was made by Dan Tarver and seconded by Mingo Marquez to elect Eddie Virgil as Secretary with all voting in favor.

There were no guests to recognize.

Discuss Veterans Memorial Project

The Committee discussed the Veteran's Memorial Project. It was discussed that the Veterans Memorial Steering Committee planned to purchase a monument and sponsor sign to be erected. Additional pavers will be purchased and installed before Veterans Day in November.

Discuss Potential Park Improvements

The Committee discussed potential park improvements. Margaret L. McMahan suggested a master plan that would include the Rec Center be upgraded or replaced.

Discuss/Consider Yard and Business of the Month

The committee discussed the Yard of the Month program and suggested that it be publicized in the newspaper but after further discussion it was recommended that recipients be announced in the water bill or the city's quarterly newsletter.

Parks Director's Report

Larry Fansher provided the committee with an update on the parks. Chairman Dan Tarver interjected and reiterated that the Veteran's Memorial Steering Committee suggested holding an evening planning meeting to allow day time workers to attend their meetings. Pam Winkworth will send a reminder email to Laura Tolar to remind her to schedule an evening steering committee planning meeting.

It was suggested that at the next meeting the committee would discuss a new rec. facility, inspection of the beach area, erecting signage around the mouth of the river, and discuss plans for Antonelli's Root Beer Stand.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.