

KEEP PLANO BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION MINUTES
September 19, 2007

Present: Johnnene Addison-Gay
John Caldwell
Kelly Carlson
Karen Mitchell
Paul Pathrose
Rob Sippl
Chris White

Staff: Casey Eckert
Heather Merchant

Minutes by: Patty Stewart

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Keep Plano Beautiful Commission was called to order at 7:03 am at 4200 West Plano Parkway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Caldwell and seconded by Kelly Carlson. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

EVENT REPORTS

Recruit New Members – *Saturday, August 25th from 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. at the Municipal Training Room A.* Kelly mentioned she was approached by 3 people interested in the Commission and wanted more information. *Thursday, August 30th from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. at the PSA Star Center* – Rob had about 6-7 people talk to him about their interests.

Tim Valis' resignation - It was mentioned that the Commission needed to recognize the contributions Tim has made to the Commission. Casey will send each member Tim's email address so they can email him their thanks and appreciation. There will also be a certificate and personal note sent out to Tim.

Litter Index – Casey shared the comparison of Plano's current score against several other cities with similar populations.

Senior Spruce-Up – Date of spruce-up was September 14th. Cadbury Schweppes and their volunteers did an outstanding job. John acknowledged the efforts of Casey and the commission members for a job well done. Heather acknowledged John's efforts as well. There was one fence that was not repaired; however, Casey's church has volunteered to take on this task. Overall, the spruce-up was a complete success this year. Residents were very grateful.

The Commission did decide not to continue this effort next year.

Tea/Lunch with PISD Environmental Chairs (9/18) – The turnout was good with 50 in attendance. The attendees were given an overview in launching programs within their schools (recycling, KPBB, awards available, and training offered to them).

Balloon Festival – Scheduled for September 21 – September 23. Casey handed out maps and passes to all of the Commission members, showing the specific area for parking. Near the Amphitheater. Training for the festival is scheduled for Wednesday night, September 19th, at 4120 W. Plano Parkway. Setup is scheduled for Friday, September 21st at 11:30a.m. Rob will send a reminder email to everyone of their scheduled volunteer times.

Workshop for Environmental Chairs (9/27) – This workshop is mainly to inform the current and new Chairs more detailed information on how to organize a program at their school (Steps for Establishing a Program, Tips for Meeting Success, etc).

Texas Waterway Cleanup ("Make A Difference" Day) – This is scheduled for October 27th from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. for specific creeks to be spruced up and trees planted. Casey mentioned that some of the creeks are privately-owned by the HOA's. Various groups have volunteered to be a part of this project.

Presentation to Homeowners Council/Homeowner's Boot Camp – The Council sends out newsletters to the homeowners, and John will contact Pat Miners on getting a list of the homeowners who receives the newsletters. Boot Camp is scheduled for November 3 at Plano City Hall, with 90 expected in attendance. This will give the homeowners more information on grants, the Neighborhood Dumpster, promoting cleanup days, etc.

Great American Cleanup –GAC is set for April 5th. John handed out a list of the companies that were involved last year and assigned a member to each company. Paul will contact Elliott's. Karen will contact the banks.

GAC T-Shirt Theme –Each member will be responsible for following-up with the libraries on the activity they have received. Boxes/entries are to be picked up by the deadline of September 29th. All completed forms should be given to Casey the week of October 1st.

- *John – Davis Library*
- *Chris – Haggard Library*
- *Johnnene – Schimelpfenig*
- *Rob – Harrington*
- *Kelly - Parr*

Broadening of KPB mission – This is still in process, but will continue as is at the present time.

HOA Grant Presentations/HOA Presentations – This will be presented at the Homeowner's "Boot Camp" on November 3rd.

High School Litter Prevention Program – Heather is working with Kim Wolff at Plano Senior High.

Cigarette Litter Prevention Program – No discussion this week.

COORDINATOR REPORT

National Awards – Heather applied for three awards this week: 1) Cigarette Litter Award; 2) Affiliate Award; 3) Beautification Award (which includes Spruce-Up, Plano Community Gardens, and Homeowner Grants)

STAFF REPORT

Casey's request for Commissioners to report their volunteer hours was read. Members were asked to complete their volunteer forms at the end of each month and send them to Casey the first week of the following month.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Heather presented the following items:

- Environmental Community Awards
- A KPB Residential Beautification Award (criteria to be developed in time for the HOA Boot Camp in November)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Johnnene's resignation was accepted with much regret. She was given kudos for all the hard work she's done for the Commission during the past year.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30am.

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING – October 17, 2007

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
Name tags for members (Plano Balloon Festival)	Patty
Send members Tim Valis' email address	Casey
Balloon Festival scheduled volunteer times for Commission – send email to members	Rob
Set-up for Balloon Festival – Friday, September 21 st at 11:30a.m.	Casey (and others that can assist)
Updated list of volunteers from Deb will be forwarded to Rob (he will then forward to members)	Casey
Contact Pat Miners – Homeowners' newsletter	John
GAC – contact companies	Paul – Elliott's Karen – Banks
GAC T-Shirt Deadline to get entries to Casey – 9/29	John, Chris, Johnnene, Rob, Kelly
Send information about Plano's Litter Index score to Commission members	Casey
Find out where Plano ranks across the nation among cities with similar populations – send info to Commission members	Casey