

MINUTES OF KEEP BLANCO BEAUTIFUL 2021 SECOND QUARTER MEETING

AT 308 PECAN STREET, BYARS BUILDING, APRIL 6, 2021 10:52 A.M.

1. Open meeting

Retta Martin, acting chair, requested that Rachel Lumpee preside over the meeting. Lumpee opened the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

2. Establish Quorum

Attendees: **Board members:** Retta Martin, Rachel Lumpee, Pete Powell, Debbie Andry, and Judy Dorsett **Members:** Eliza Large, Penny Boss, Amanda Byrom

3. Read and approve minutes from Jan. 19, 2021

Powell moved to approve minutes; Martin seconded. Motion carried.

4. Commission/Chair comments

Martin said it has been a great year and Dorsett agreed. Dorsett says the park is looking great. Lumpee informed the others the annual recognition and GCAA application were both turned into KTB. Martin informed the others that we need more members and board positions will be appointed during the Jan meeting. Lumpee said she's in contact with the Secretary of State regarding updating the bylaws. Byrom explained she has water conservation knowledge to share.

5. Financial Report

KBB- \$4,156.05; Streetscape- \$6,646.40 Powell said we finally received the remaining \$1,500 from the KAB CLPP grant in 2019. He also explained the City gave KBB \$2,000 for 2020/2021 and he submits receipts to the City to get reimbursed. Martin asked the group to look for grants. Boss shared information about the Texas Scholars. Lumpee explained she is always looking for grants but has a hard time figuring out what to apply for by herself and would love help. **Byrom offered to look and help with grants.** Byrom asked if there's any type of **future planning and suggested setting up a 5-10 plan.** This will help with grant applications.

6. Committee Report - Old and New Business - Possible Action

a. Beautification

Bindseil Park is looking good; there are some green and some old plan

i. Sub-Committee: The Town Creek Riparian Restoration Project
Things are coming back after the winter storm.

ii. Sub-Committee: Blanco Trail of Lights
All the decorations are stored again. Powell and Andry will begin **planning/decorating in Sept.**

b. Education

i. Discuss Chair

Byrom offered to become the education chair. **Lumpee moved to approve Amanda Byrom as the education chair; Martin seconded. Motion carried.**

- ii. Community/food garden
 Large is still working and researching pollinator gardens. She explained the master naturalist has a **pollinator garden assistance recognition program**; they offer assistance so they'll come and look at your site. Large plans to meet with Pam Meier. The location of the garden has not been determined and it is in the **beginning phase of planning**. Byrom suggested maybe having several gardens in the one lot. Martin talked about the **Pecan Bottom and making it an educational park** with natural playscapes. A discussion regarding purchasing and placing **educational labels at the Pecan Bottom took place, but no action was taken**. Martin also briefly discussed the partnership with the Blanco Historic Preservation Commission (BHPC) and explained the rockwall in the Pecan Bottom needs attention.
 - iii. DMWT Art Contest
This contest was canceled and will come back in 2022.
 - c. Public Awareness
 - i. PR
Facebook: 410 likes/ 486 followers. Instagram: 66 followers. Twitter: 4 followers.
 - ii. CLPP
 KBB still has a lot of pocket ashtrays, cigarette litter pamphlets, stickers and window decals available. **Lumpee will send over Terracycle mail label to Powell for recycling cigarette butts.** The Bowling Alley would like a receptacle. **Lumpee will order 3 more tall receptacles from Sidewalk Buttler.** Lumpee talked to the others about potentially having another booth at the Blanco Market Day in the fall.
 - iii. April Events: International Dark Sky Week (April 5-12), Trash-Off (April 10), National Environmental Education Week (April 19-23), Earth Day (April 22), Arbor Day (April 30)
 These are just upcoming environmental events. **Lumpee will post about these events on social media sites and put up posters around town.** Another fall market day booth will be planned in the future. **Lumpee will send school contacts' information over to Byrom who will try to provide fun educational material such as word searches. The group talked about having an Earth Day and/or Arbor Day Celebration in 2022.**
 - d. Solid Waste Management

i. DMWTTTO Event (April 5-10)

There are **125 volunteers so far signed up** for the Trash-Off event. Martin is looking for one more truck brigade. Boss and Byrom will run the check-in table. The shirts are all organized and Lumpee will finish putting the remaining supplies in the team bags. There will be hotdogs and individual chip bags for volunteers. Social distancing will be encouraged and masks and hand sanitizer will be available. **For future events, the group discussed possibly having live music in Bindseil Park.**

ii. Countywide Household Waste Collection (April 24)

e. Law Enforcement/Municipal Committee

Martin has met the new chief.

f. Business/Industry

N/A

g. Neighborhood/Civic

N/A

h. Fundraising

i. Membership Drive

\$1,125 so far in the 2021 drive and it is still going on.

i. Recycle

7. Streetscape Updates

BHPC plans to host a **workshop on April 17**. Martin encouraged everyone to attend the workshop.

8. Training

a. KTB Webinars: Partnerships in Litter Abatement: Regional Action Plans and Data Solutions (April 29 12-1)

i. <https://ktb.org/webinars>

9. David Key Lamplight Project

Martin explains this project to the new members.

10. Adjourn

Powell moved to adjourn; Andry seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.