

**MINUTES OF KEEP BLANCO BEAUTIFUL 2021 THIRD-QUARTER MEETING
AT 308 PECAN STREET, BYARS BUILDING, July 6, 2021, 10:48 A.M.**

1. Open meeting

Retta Martin, acting chair, opened the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

2. Establish Quorum

Attendees: **Board members:** Retta Martin, Rachel Lumpee, Pete Powell, and Debbie Andry **Members:** Eliza Large

3. Read and approve minutes from April 6, 2021

Powell moved to approve minutes; Large seconded. Motion* carried.

*Motion was approved by a member, not a board member.

4. Commission/Chair comments

Martin said it's been a great year so far and that **the new volunteers have been a great addition.** Lumpee apologized for the delayed minutes. She explained **she would continue as secretary if nobody else would like to and if the others didn't mind getting them late.** The others asked her to continue the role. Pete asked what was happening on the City's lot on Cherry St. because he noticed huge metal pieces and some big equipment. Lumpee said she would find out and let him know. Large explained her house was almost complete and she plans to begin helping the beautification committee on Tuesday mornings.

5. Financial Report

KBB- \$2,468.68; Streetscape- \$6,646.50. Powell used funds to replace the wooden desk at City Hall/Bindseil Park. Lumpee said **the Community Aid request was due soon** and she did not feel appropriate filling out the paperwork this year. **Powell will submit the request.**

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

a. Beautification

Andry said **things are still coming back** and there is a lot of green in the park. Powell explained there were dead tree branches that needed trimming. **Martin asked about the pile of dead tree branches that were in the way of the walking trail and recommended we hire someone to remove them.** Powell said they were going to remove the dead branches last week but it rained. Martin said she would contact the Boy Scouts to see if they could help.

i. Sub-Committee: The Town Creek Riparian Restoration project

Martin talked to **Daniel Oppenheimer with the Hill Country Alliance and he plans to budget for the new riparian grow zone signs in the upcoming budget season.** Once he has the signs, he will bring them to Blanco. Lumpee showed a photo of the new grow zone green signs that are located on the Town Creek bridge. Martin provided a brief background on Town Creek and the springs.

ii. Sub-Committee: Blanco Trail of Lights

Andry and Powell will begin again in September.

b. Education

Amanda Byrom was unable to attend the meeting. **She is planning to contact**

the schools with a nice introduction email in August and is hopeful to be allowed back on campus this year.

c. Public Awareness

Facebook: 478 likes/ 562 followers. Instagram: 88 followers. Twitter: 6 followers. Website (2021 only): 750 views/300 visitors. Lumpee explained the website needs more storage in order to put up more media. She can either purchase more storage by upgrading the site or remove old photos. **Martin moved to approve upgrading the site and Powell seconded. The motion carried.** Lumpee announced that KBB was named a **Silver Star Affiliate** by KTB for the second year in a row. She also said **the latest KBB newsletter was sent** out recently. She also said there were still CLPP items such as pocket ashtrays available. **A market booth will be planned for the fall.**

- i. Upcoming Environmental Holidays: World Nature Conservation Day (July 28), National Honey Bee Day (August 21), National Wildlife Day (September 4), International Day of Clean Air (September 7), National Cleanup Day - September 19, National Public Lands Day (September 26), World Rivers Day (September 26)

Lumpee will post about these events on social media sites

d. Solid Waste Management

- i. April cleanup events

KBB's event had over 150 volunteers. Hill Country Junk provided a dumpster for us to use; we are excited about this new relationship. The official numbers from the City are about 2 weeks out still. **90,555 lbs of material were collected at the Blanco County Household Waste Collection event.**

- ii. Fall Sweep 2021

A discussion regarding whether or not to have a Fall Sweep event. The students' schedules tend to be packed with sports and other extracurricular activities during the fall. Lumpee had briefly glanced at Blanco ISD and the UIL calenders for a potential date. **Powell moved to not have a Fall Sweep this year; Martin seconded. The motion carried.**

e. Law Enforcement/Municipal Committee

N/A

f. Business/Industry

N/A

g. Neighborhood/Civic

N/A

h. Fundraising

- i. Membership drive update

\$1,500.00 and 13 memberships so far.

i. Recycle

A brief discussion on recycling took place. Lumpee said she had recently spoken with Paul Granberg and he told her that **cardboard is the most profitable**.

Plastics, paper, and glass are no longer making money. Large said the Green Guy in San Marcos takes certain plastics.

7. Community Garden (Food, Pollinator, etc.)

Large did not have any updates. Martin said Pam Capps might have land for the gardens.

8. Streetscape Updates

Martin said the **committee has received two RFQs for planners and the next meeting will take place on July 14.** There are five members of Streetscape and two liaisons. Martin explained KBB is a partner with the Blanco Historic Preservation Commission handed out a map of the Blanco Historic District to everyone. The district will be covered by Streetscape.

a. David Key Lamplight Project

9. Training

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

Lumpee suggested everyone check out the upcoming training; if anyone does complete training submit it to her. There is a Keep America Beautiful webinar on July 14.

10. Grants

Everyone is encouraged to keep their eyes open for grant opportunities. Grants will be needed for the Streetscape project.

11. Adjourn

Powell moved to adjourn; Lumpee seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.