

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – April 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Beautification Advisory Board was held on **April 16, 2024**, at 8:04 a.m. at the Gonzales Main Street / Economic Development Building located at 305 St. Lawrence Street. This was an OPEN MEETING, open to the public, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas and, as required by law, was duly posted at the Gonzales Municipal Building giving notice of time, date, place, and agenda thereof. The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

CALL TO ORDER

Staff liaison Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Connie Dolezal	Board Member	Present
Deane Parsley-Novosad	Board Member	Absent
Dee Sengelmann	Board Member	Present
Jessica McKinney	Board Member	Present
Pat Anders-Ryan	Board Member	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tiffany Padilla – Main Street Director

GUESTS

none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action approving the January 23, 2024 and February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Action: Item 1.1

Approved

Board Member Sengelmann moved to accept the minutes for the January 23, 2024 and February 20, 2024 meetings. Board Member Dolezal seconded the motion. Staff Liaison Padilla called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 1.2 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding Jim Price community driven cleanup campaign.

Action: Item 1.2

Discussion Only

Discussion: Staff liaison Padilla opened the discussion asking how many roving trucks have committed in order to identify when to assist with the clean up and how many volunteers to plan on for our luncheon. Board member McKinney reported that Aptiva will have a truck and a couple of guys. We could work with Carla to identify target areas. Community member Del will work his neighbors on College Street. Will the metal recyclers donate the money back to the City? Nicky McKinney delivered all the letters to businesses and leaders. Dr A will distribute the flyers to the principals of the schools for distribution to the students. Craig and Nicky will be cooking hotdogs for the volunteers. Perhaps we need to bring a smaller grill. We would have 15 City workers and another 10 Frontier waste people and then the volunteers. Likely we will have about 40 people total to feed. Staff liaison Padilla will pick up the grill on Friday and deliver to the practice field. We could put a canopy by the grill. Board Member McKinney can bring a few card tables. Board Member Sengelmann will bring a canopy. Staff liaison Padilla will ask HEB to donate plates,

napkins, hot dogs, buns, chips, sodas, ice, and water. Energy Waste will donate the POJ's and sanitizing stations. If we cannot get the sanitizing station near the grill, we need a place to wash hands. Volunteers can show up at the field and we will assign them an area for pick up. We will have a check-in table. Board Members McKinney and Sengelmann will be at the check-in table to assign areas of pick up. Consider next year to start promoting in September put a clean up committee in place.

- 1.3 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate Check list and litter survey

Action: Item 1.3

Discussion Only

Thank you for turning in your litter surveys. After the Jim Price Clean up Staff liaison Padilla will upload the info and pictures into the KTB website for tracking.

- 1.4 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding replanting island on St Joseph Street at Independence Square

Action: Item 1.4

Tabled

Discussion: There are a few trees along the St Joseph Street side of Independence Square that seem to be dead. Should we replant them? Board Member Sengelmann suggested we defer to David Dement on what to do. Recommend planting in September. Let's give it a little bit of time and press Mr Dement as to what the plan is for the trees. Should we remove them now? It was determined to wait a few more weeks/months to see if the trees would come back from the roots at all.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 2.1 Report from Board Member Sengelmann on yard of the month and decorating contests
This month is Jace Opiela and family on St. Vincent Street.

Report from Board Member Anders-Ryan on Art Club public art considerations

Board Members Anders-Ryan brought samples of a mural for the 8 foot wall. The need help with the painting supplies. A list and cost of supplies was presented by Board Member Anders-Ryan. It was suggested by City Manager that the City would be willing to help with the supplies and priming the area for the mural.

- 2.2 Requests by board members for items on a future Beautification Board Meeting agenda
Consider a "Bi-Centennial" park behind the City building. Talk to Matt about a proposed plan for it.
Suggest water-wise plants for the islands around Texas Hero Square.
Market Square plantings

- 2.3 Set date and time for next meeting.
May 21, 2024 @ 8:00 am

ADJOURN

A motion by Board Member McKinney to adjourn and seconded by Board Anders-Ryan, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 am. Staff liaison called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 am.

Approved this 16th day of April 2024

Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla
Main Street Director, City of Gonzales