

**EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
November 9, 2022**

The Earthwise Living Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 9th day of November at 5:30 pm in the large Conference Room at City Hall, located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE
5:30 PM.**

- 1. Call the City of Leon Valley Regular Earthwise Living Committee to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. Present were members Bacon, Castillo, Key, Valdez and Co-Chairs Burnside and Meffert. Also present were staff liaison Miranda and council liaison Mayor Riley.

- 2. Review and Consider Approval of the October 12, 2022 Regular Earthwise Living Committee Meeting Minutes.**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by member Valdez and seconded by member Key.

- 3. Discussion and Possible Action on the Design for Notepad Purchase.**

The committee members discussed changing the wording on the notepads adding "Combating Climate Change One Household At A Time". Co-Chair Meffert motioned to accept the design for the notebook wording and member Bacon seconded the motion.

During this discussion staff liaison Miranda reported that the Thermal Bags had arrived and are being stored for the 2023 EWL event.

- 4. Discussion and Possible Action on Vendor Interests, Fees, and Distribution for EWL Event.**

A general discussion was had on vendor/sponsor participation. What type and how many vendors/sponsors should be accepted for the EWL event.

Council liaison Mayor Riley offered suggestions for Food Vendors from a Northside Food Vendors list that could participate in the EWL event. The list includes food truck vendors and other food establishments including "I Love Churro's" and "Fruit" vendors.

Mayor Riley also mentioned that "New Gen Cafe" had issues last year during the event and the committee should reach out to them for participation. Maybe this could eliminate issues they experienced in the past due to the establishment existing so closely to where the event is being held.

The committee discussed contacting past sponsors for the event as well as seeking out new sponsor participants. Past sponsors, Auto Dealer Ancira and Mr. Manny Rubio were discussed as being possible sponsors for EWL Day again this year.

Staff liaison Miranda provided an extensive packet that contained the following items. November 9 Meeting agenda, October 12, 2022 committee meeting minutes. Recycled notebook 4-imprint order form, 2023 EWL Sponsor form, EWL Exhibit Booth Registration form, Guidelines for EWL Booth Participation, EWL Food Booth Registration Form, EWL Sponsor Booth Registration Form, Guidelines for Sponsor Booth, EWL Committee Letter Requesting Sponsorship for Mighty Oak and Mountain Laurel Trees, Current EWL Budget, EWL Mission Statement (revised) and a 26 page listing of current Leon Valley businesses as possible sponsors/vendors. The deadline to register is February 10, 2023.

The committee discussed proper and effective distribution of registration forms with the goal of making sure all registration forms are received by the deadline. Using the city website hyperlink instead of individual committee member email was decided on. Co-Chair Meffert will collaborate to update the link with the proper forms so registration can occur on the city website. Member Bacon motioned to use the hyperlink and member Key seconded the motion.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Listing Tasks, Activities, and Performances for EWL Event.

A general discussion was had regarding status of members outreach to vendors/sponsors/donators. The committee members are reaching out to all manner of local organizations to participate in EWL Day.

Member Valdez: Project Mend, Forest Oaks Garden Club, ABC Solar Screens, Dr. Hazelton with Trinity University, College Organizations and Motorcycle shops.

Member Ryan: Firehouse Subs, Spine in Motion Chiropractic, Chicken & Pickle.

Co-Chair Meffert: Raising Cain's, Other Local Restaurants and Food Trucks.

Co-Chair Burnside: Children's Museum, SA Solid Waste, Botanical Gardens

Member Castillo: Marshall HS, John Jay HS, Driggers Elementary, Leon Valley Elementary. Southwest Research Foundation.

Member Bacon: Home Depot, ^{Lowes} Lowes, Rainbow Gardens, UTSA Green Society, San Antonio College Eco Centro,

6. Discussion of Feedback on EWL Mission Statement.

A general Discussion was had to reword the Mission Statement to encourage residents and businesses to adopt a community culture of sustainability.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Ways to Communicate with Local Businesses.

A general discussion was had on ways to communicate with local businesses on sustainability practices. Co-Chair Burnside mentioned some easy suggestions for restaurants. Such as "Give water only when asked for.", " Use paper not plastic straws", " Use paper not plastic bags for to-go orders".

8. Discussion of America Recycles Day.

A general discussion was had on America Recycles Day. Possibly creating an event on Earthday, April 22, 2023. "Picnic with the Mayor". Between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm in the green space between the conference center and the library near Veterans Park.

No Glass, No Plastic, No Agenda just concerns and input.

Member Bacon: Motion to set a date for the Earthday Event. Member Castillo seconded the motion.

9. Announcements, Updates, and Other Business

Co-Chair Burnside would like to discuss Sustainable Holiday Practices next meeting. The next meeting will be held on December 14, 2022

10. Adjourn

Member Key moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by member Valdez. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Rita Burnside
Chair

12-14-22
Date