

**PARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS**  
**September 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

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**LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION MEETING, 6:30 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.**

Chair Roger Christensen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., with the following Park Commissioners in attendance: Roger Christensen, Danielle Bolton, Elaine Valdez, Diane Frazier, Julie Carreon Martinez, Thomas Benavides, Nancy Marrufo, Joyce Trent, and Ann Sawyer. Also present was City Staff member David Dimaline.

**2. Review and Approval of the August 10, 2023 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2023 Regular Park Commission meeting. Commissioner Valdez seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Citizens to be Heard.**

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

**4. Old Business**

There was none.

**5. New Business**

**A. Discussion and Recommendation to Consider Nomination of Joyce Trent to Regular Commissioner Position (Commissioners)**

Chair Christensen explained the item was necessary to move Commissioner Trent from an alternate position to regular position on the Park Commission. Chair Christensen nominated Commissioner Trent to the regular commissioner position. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the nomination. and Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Discussion and Action – Arbor Day event Activities**

Chair Christensen introduced the item and stated that the annual Arbor Day event was scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023. Commissioner Benavides then presented the 2023 Leon Valley Annual Arbor Day overview to the Park

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Commission. He explained that the event was scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and would be held on the patio of the Leon Valley Community Center and asked that the City Council and staff be notified of the event. He further explained that a proclamation needed to be written and signed by the Mayor, and then advertised in the Lion's Roar, Leon Valley web site, and posted at the Leon Valley Library. Staff member Dimaline stated that CPS Energy would again be partnering with the city and would cover half of the cost for three hundred trees. He said that Mr. Bentley with CPS Energy would be bringing 4-6 volunteers with him to staff the event, and asked if the Park Commission could have 2-3 volunteers. He noted that everyone was invited to the event and each resident could sign up to receive up to two free trees. Mr. Benavides provided handouts of his presentation.

**C. Commissioner's and Staff Comments**

Commissioner Trent thanked all the Park Commission and staff for their hard work and reminded everyone to have fun.

Commissioner Sawyer said that as an educator she was excited and looked forward to the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Commissioner Valdez mentioned the recent Earthwise Living Day Committee meeting, and that their focus would be on the EWLD event only. She stated the event was scheduled for the first Saturday in March. She also mentioned that the Bexar Branches Alliance recently gave a wonderful presentation, and as part of the presentation, the City of Leon Valley scored a ninety-three out of 100 for their continuing tree planting efforts and further noted that the City of San Antonio received a score of 79 out of 100. Commissioner Valdez requested a pool report for next month's Park Commission meeting, asking that the report include revenue, expenses, membership, and a summary of any issues that came up during the pool season.

Commissioner Frazier stated that she was happy that Commissioner Benavides was taking on the tree initiative and for the report he provided the commissioners.

Commissioner Carreon-Martinez asked about the schedule of the street maintenance program, specifically Seneca. Mr. Dimaline explained the contractor was scheduled to begin work during the following week and that notifications would be sent to residents and businesses located on the impacted streets. He stated

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that the city would use their web site to post the schedule. He asked that the Commissioners and citizens call him at Public Works if anyone had questions or concerns during the project.

Commissioner Marrufo stated that she was also looking forward to the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

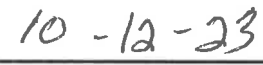
Chair Christensen stated that the fence along El Verde Rd. as part of the Hike and Bike trail looked great and noted that the Hike and Bike trail had water fountains for both people and dogs, as well as a bicycle repair and inflation station. He also stated the Ridge Park had no access as Grass Hill Drive was closed on Samaritan. Mr. Dimaline said he would investigate this and get with the contractor that is doing the Seneca Drainage project. Chair Christensen then asked the Park Commission, due to the holiday schedule, if they wanted to cancel the December meeting.

**6. Adjourn.**

Commissioner Bolton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marrufo seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

*These minutes were approved at the October 12, 2023 Park Commission meeting.*

  
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Roger Christensen - Chair

  
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