

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012
COUNCIL WORK SESSION ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance		Present / Absent
District 7	James Ferrer, Chairperson	P
District 1	Barbara Powers	P
District 2	Conrad Alvarez	P
District 3	David Vines	P
District 4	Vacant	V
District 5	Betty Roberts	P
District 6	Fran Brown	P
District 8	Sandra Purdom	P
Mayor's Appointee	Ken Risser	P
EWS Staff	Lonnie R. Banks, Staff Liaison	P
	Glenna Brown, Waste Minimization	P
EWS Staff	Coordinator, Acting Staff Liaison	P
EWS Staff	Samia G. Burns, Recording Secretary	A

1. **CHAIRPERSON JAMES FERRER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AND CONDUCTED WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

2. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF December 14, 2011** – David Vines made the motions to restate the third sentence in section three. “He has filled out a vendor application that makes KGB a vendor of the city” to “He has filled out an application to apply to make KGB a vendor of the city”. Also, under other topics section four- compost class, Michael Norton’s name needs to be changed to Michael Norten. Fran Brown made the motion to approve the minutes with the mentioned corrections. Betty Roberts seconded the motion. All committee members voted aye.

3. **STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES:**
 - **Environmental Quality** (J. Ferrer) – James Ferrer will contact David Jacobs to get an update on Green House Gas Emissions and City Energy Audit reports.

 - **Keep Garland Beautiful** (B. Roberts) – KGB is invited to take part in the April 21st EWS Earth Day Collection to inform people about Keep Garland Beautiful. KGB has determined an action plan for the next month.

 - **Recognition for Environmental Achievements** (B. Roberts) – Betty is waiting to hear back from Mr. Jack Sparks from the Parks Department, whom will be recognized for his work with Rowlett bike trails. He will receive a certificate at the City Council meeting; pending his availability.

- **Education** – (S. Purdom, B. Powers) – Storm Drain project was educational to the Buckingham North Neighbors Association. 54 decals were completed by the neighbors. Boy Scouts assisted with this project.
- **Tree Ordinances** – (B. Powers) – No Report
- **Storm Drains / Adopt-A-Spot / Adopt-A-Watershed** – (D. Vines)

Adopt-A-Spot – Barry Swisher, from the Parks Department, informed David Vines they had received requests for information about the adopt-a-spot program for two groups and he sent it out.

Storm Drains – Storm Water Department had a poster contest where the 3rd through 5th grade students in GISD created posters and the theme for the posters was “From the Streets to the Creeks”. Over 800 posters were turned in. 1st place won \$200 (there was a tie for 1st place), 2nd place won \$150 and 3rd place won \$100. Teachers got \$150 for every winning student in her class to purchase classroom supplies. 92 teachers at 31 schools competed. David Vines shared pictures of the winners.

4. OTHER TOPICS:

- **I-Sign Training** – David suggested CENAC members to hold on discussion of training until they are ready to do it; process will take some time. There isn’t anything formal from Code to train. David’s proposed training will be to use brochures, take pictures or bring signs for demonstration.
- **GCAA** – Glenna has been working with several City departments to collect information. Glenna has received information from everyone except from Parks; they will provide it by Friday. Writing process will start mid-next week. The week of January 23, Glenna will send status of where the writing process is.

5. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

- I-Sign Training
- GCAA Update
- Preliminary Planning of Trash Off

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson James Ferrer adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm.

Submitted By:

Rosa I. Ortega

Approved By:

Date:

David Vines, Chairperson
