

STATE OF TEXAS )

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA )

CITY OF FREEPORT )

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2011, the Beautification/Parks & Recreation Committee of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting at the Visitor's Center of said city at 5:30pm with the following members present:

Eddie Virgil, JoAnn Fields, Margaret McMahan, Rosemary Bravo, Eve Thompson

City Staff:

Larry Fansher, Jill Bradshaw

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Eddie Virgil at 5:40pm

**Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

JoAnn Fields made a motion to accept the minutes and Margaret McMahan seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the January 25, 2011 meeting minutes.

**Recognize Visitors:**

No visitors present

**Discuss: Success of Freeport Youth Basketball:**

Basketball was another successful season. We had 24 teams participate in the tournament and everything will well. The banquet was well attended with the BISSD Superintendent as the special guest speaker. The banquet was held at RiverPlace. All the participants in the program did well. Rec. Center staff discussed ideas for improvements for next year's season.

**Discuss: Spring Park Events:**

Joy Ride is in three week, then the Easter egg hunt with Riverfest not too far after that. Once the season starts, things really get busy for us.

**Discuss: Rec. Center Upgrade:**

We are doing some minor upgrades to the Rec. Center which includes a new counter closer to the door to help control traffic as it comes and goes. The old downstairs office will become a boxing practice area. The gym area will see a new paint job and ceiling repairs.

**Discuss: Rec. Center Summer Programs:**

Summer programs this year include swim lessons, swim team (FAST) along with the regular public swimming at the pool. We will continue to offer our regular programs of Zumba, Step Aerobics, Low-Impact, water aerobics. And for the children we will be adding Zumba atomic, basketball skills program and a craft and game day. We will be busy hiring lifeguards coming up.

**Discuss Yard of the Month Beautification Program:**

Haven't see anything yet. It's still a little early. The cold front got the flowers so will wait until next month to determine a residence and business for the award.

### **Park Directors Report:**

Staff worked 6 days a week working hard to complete the basketball season successfully. They will be stepping up, working together on upcoming events. Landscaping is getting ready for the big events that start in the spring. Riverfest is the biggest event the Parks Department hosts. Volunteers may be needed to help serve crawfish or sell tickets. JoAnn Fields mentioned that the board could do more to help with the events. Those board members who assisted with the Basketball concession stated that it was busy all the time and suggested that perhaps volunteers could invite a buddy to assist. Board members were surprised to see how busy it was and said it was good to see the involvement from the community. Mr. Fansher said that when we keep it strict and enforce the guidelines along with security all goes well. Margaret McMahan said it was neat to watch the progress of the children throughout the season. Mr. Ripple seemed impressed and did a great job at the banquet.

No other business was presented and the following were suggestions for the next month's agenda – Yard of the Month, summer and parks Events – Rosemary Bravo volunteered to assist with Riverfest on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April and some of the others for the 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm with the motion made by Rosemary Bravo and JoAnn Fields made the second motion. The meeting was adjourned.