



Village of Jones Creek

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALL MEETING

The Beautification committee of the Village of Jones Creek, Texas to hold a Special Call Meeting on June 15, 2023 at the Village Hall located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road, beginning at 12:00p.m. Members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person and via teleconference.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** *Nicole Hardesty called to order at 12:01 on Thursday June 15, 2023*
2. **INVOCATON AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE** *Invocation led by Regina Tidwell. Pledges recited by all.*
3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** *Anna Galloway absent, Nicole Hardesty present, Tammy Butler present, Tracy Stowers present, Regina Tidwell present.*

4. **COMMUNICATION OF VISITORS**

Section 551.007 of the Texas Government Code allows a member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for open meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item.

None to Present.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a *Discuss and Consider action to be taken for the planning of the Summer event. Nicole Hardesty- "Anna said Christmas in July is cancelled?"*

Lauren Grayson- Yes, the marshal's office was not very happy with us stepping into their toy drive; also we do not have a place to put the toys. We don't have a place that's temperature controlled, humidity controlled and as you can see we're kinda cramped here at city hall. So unless we can hang them from the ceiling we don't have any place to put them. Nicole Hardesty- Ok, so what other summer events were we going to hold?

Regina Tidwell- Celeste, who came here from the bird observatory she messaged me and this is why I wanted to have a meeting to talk about having the raptors come out she's said the show she got with the raptor people and it's either from \$500 to \$1,000 for them to come out and do the show with the birds. So, yeah it's pretty steep. She said that is a

manage all that but let's just say you bring 5lbs or 10lbs of trash then you get an entry or something for the event in the fall show where they bring multiple birds and they fly them around up to you guys. Gulf coast bird observatory can bring an outreach booth for free of course either way we decide to go. Tammy Butler- Well considering we were doing that with Christmas in July. Regina Tidwell- Yeah I mean I didn't know if we were still doing that? Tammy Butler- I'm not comfortable spending that kind of money on the raptor show for such a small turn out. Regina Tidwell- It is short notice, I was thinking maybe next year if we could get months in advance then we could go from there. Tracy Stowers- yeah. Nicole Hardesty- and if was also in a cooler month because no one's gonna wanna sit outside and watch, you know, outside here in July and watch the raptor show. We could probably be able to use the school I'm sure to do it at some point and if we charged , or we wouldn't even have to charge, we could even have a donation jar and I bet the people would come from different cities to come and see this show. But not in July. And not at this short of notice. Tammy Butler- Right cuz' it would definitely need a lot of promotion if we were going to spend that kind of money. Nicole Hardesty- Right, right and we would have to have return on our investment or at least break even. Tammy Butler- yeah. Tracy Stowers- You're also kind of limited on what animals they bring when it's that hot outside too. Nicole Hardesty- Let's see if we can get them to maybe commit to us in April or something or even May in conjunction with our city wide clean up. Maybe we could do the clean up in the morning and then the afternoon have a barbeque, Regina Tidwell- yeah that'd be good. Nicole Hardesty- and maybe a bounce house. Make it an event. Tracy Stowers- Or even spring break. Nicole Hardesty- Spring break is Rodeo. Regina Tidwell- Oh yeah and people will be out of town. Nicole Hardesty- I'll be out. Lauren Grayson- I spoke with Anna yesterday and she had been talking to Kristin from the Marshals office and about maybe having a water balloon war instead of the Christmas in July that's why I contacted a friend of mine, she recently opened up a bouncy house waterslide business that is insured so if anyone were to get hurt there is coverage. I included it in on the back page of the packet. She has snow cone machines, and cotton candy machines, all kinds of stuff. If that was something y'all would be interested in looking into. Nicole Hardesty- I'm not sure about water balloons, the mess. But water guns, we did that at our Gatorfest when we did their jamboree every year. Remember we had booths and we had all the games and stuff. We had those water, we would do the water guns. Tammy Butler- Yeah, because I don't like the plastic from the balloons, I mean there's no way to pick it all up and we're too close to the water. Nicole Hardesty- And we stopped using balloons over there at the school. But that's something they want to do in July? Lauren Grayson- Yes. Nicole Hardesty- Let them bring something to us, but that's not really Beautification, that's not really going to teach them things. I think we're better off doing a bigger event next year, where we can do our clean up. Even if we do it in September actually, right at our next clean up and make it a big event and it could be in the afternoon and get a waterslide and popcorn machine or one of those other things. Lauren Grayson- Right. Nicole Hardesty- And the birds to get more people to come out and be involved and maybe if you're a part of the cleanup, like if you bring 10lbs of trash or something, you know collect it off the road; I don't know

how we'd afternoon and you get lunch for free. We could incentivize them coming to both sections of the event. Lauren Grayson-Right. Regina Tidwell- so with it being such short notice we probably won't even do something in September basically. We could plan some things out, we wanted to do that recyclable little that seat. Nicole Hardesty yeah we need to plan an even that the kids come and make that. Regina Tidwell- We need to promote it that's why I was trying to get this meeting as close as we could so we could promote it cuz I was thinking it would be this summer but if we could wait to the fall that might even be better. Nicole Hardesty- But I mean we could have a small workshop event here to teach the kids how to make those little seed. Tracy Stowers- It's summer, we could do that in the afternoon here it's something in the ac that kids might like too. Or parents might send their kids. Tammy Butler- well we don't want to turn it into a babysitting event. We've done stuff with the SPCA like that, they drop the kids off and they're gone for hours and we're stuck handling. Nicole Hardesty- but we could have lemonade and tea Tammy Butler- some cookies or something. Nicole Hardesty- something for the parents, but the parents can help them, like at the library has craft events and the parents don't leave, the parents stay and work with them. I mean I used to bring 3 or 4 kids with us to go do those things. That might be something cute to do here for the community one afternoon and have a little snack for the kids we could make those cards with the seeds stuff on it, that was super easy. Do ya'll want try to pick a date? And we could also have some literature there and we have so much literature. We could talk about our September event. Tracy Stowers- Are we gonna try to do a summer event in the next month or so? Nicole Hardesty- Maybe doing it sometime in July. Tracy Stowers- Do ya'll wanna do it here or maybe the Farmers' Market? Nicole Hardesty- I think we should do it here it's gonna be way too hot at the Farmers' Market. Tracy Stowers- Yeah. Nicole Hardesty- And then that way it's incising for them to come to the air conditioning. Tammy Butler- Yeah. Nicole Hardesty- and then the parents can take home save the date for our September event and we could talk about the seed library. I was at the Lake Jackson library and they have a seed library and I love it and they have that piece for sale at Hobby Lobby, we could totally make our own seed catalog. Regina Tidwell- Its chest of drawers you can take out flower seeds and vegetables, fruits, it says take 2 each time you come. It's free. Do we wanna keep our meeting for next week so we can talk more about it? Nicole Hardesty- Yeah. Tammy Butler- Next Thursday? Nicole Hardesty- That's our regular meeting next Wednesday. Regina Tidwell- the 21st. Tammy Butler- Alright I won't be here next Wednesday, but if Anna shows up ya'll have quorum. Nicole Hardesty- Ok we still need to pick a date in July, right? I'm out of town a lot. I could do the week of the 17th except for on Thursday. Tracy Stowers- How about we do it on that Wednesday maybe we'll get people early like come see our meeting and then stay for the event afterwards. Or do the event first and then have our meeting. Nicole Hardesty- Why don't we do that? Maybe like 11 o'clock and then have our meeting at noon? Tracy Stowers- Do you think it would take an hour? Or do you think it would take longer? Nicole Hardesty- We could push our meeting, right we could push our meeting? Tracy Stowers- when everybody's here just tell them you could join us for our meeting. Nicole Hardesty- We could do 11-1 for the event and then have the meeting at 1. Regina Tidwell- Ok

Nicole Hardesty- So I'll get together a supply list. Regina Tidwell- What day is that? The 19th? Nicole Hardesty- yes the 19th. And then we're gonna want to have our date picked for the September, for the next cleanup. Tammy Butler- I thought we picked the 16th? It's what I've got on my calendar. Nicole Hardesty- Well then that's what we have I just didn't put it in my calendar. Let me do it now. Ok so it's the city-wide cleanup. Tracy Stowers- I won't be here for that, I'll be in Baton Rouge. Maybe, I might decide to skip it this year honestly, she's a lot to haul back and forth, we did Conroe this weekend and we had the pack-n-play and in our hotel room we had this playpen thing and different stuff. Nicole Hardesty- So I think that's enough discussion on this summer's events right? Cuz' we're not gonna do the birds and we'll try later and push for a much bigger event for the clean-up in September. You know, get a bounce house and look at waterslides. Tracy Stowers- yeah waterslide sounds great. If we wanted to do the birds I could probably get reptiles too. I'm sure Kendra will bring them. I don't have any but I'm sure Kendra will bring them. Nicole Hardesty- Ok Tracy Stowers- she was going to schools and stuff. Nicole Hardesty- ok cool. And these are waterslides? Lauren Grayson- yeah and bouncy houses. Nicole Hardesty- Yeah that looks good. Ok

b. Discuss and Consider other ongoing projects and City events.

Nicole Hardesty- We kind of already did that. Regina Tidwell- The only thing I don't really know about is the seminar. Anna said that maybe the Brazos Roofing Company would sponsor someone but she didn't say yes or no because she's got a lot going on with her dad. I don't know but we needed to train what they were gonna have. Nicole Hardesty- And when is it? Regina Tidwell- It's the 26th -28th of June is when the seminar is. Nicole Hardesty- and how much is it again? Regina Tidwell- It's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, oh I don't know. I'm trying to find it. Nicole Hardesty- I think one of us should go, I think you should go Regina. Regina Tidwell- I could write things down I just don't know how I'm gonna remember everything. Y'all all have such great memories, I have to write thing down to get them memorized. I don't mind going. I'll go. Tracy Stowers- Get as many hand outs as you can. Regina Tidwell- Yeah oh yeah. Nicole Hardesty- Or even if they have stuff that we can be giving out or replicate and give out. Do you have it anywhere in a note how much that seminar was? Regina Tidwell- I can try to find it. Nicole Hardesty- Because I don't know. It's not on the agenda so we cant vote on it today. But we could put it on next weeks agenda so we could vote to pay for it, cuz I don't think it was like \$500. I think it was like \$125. Am I right or no? Regina Tidwell- It was a lot it depends on how many like per day. Tracy Stowers- It goes by like which talk you want to go to. Regina Tidwell- We could just put it on the agenda for next time. That would be a week before it actually happens. Nicole Hardesty- even if you just go for the training though for that one day and pay so you can go training so we have that in place. And then we could get that curriculum and be able to use it at the schools.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Nicole Hardesty- Discuss and consider paying for Regina to go for the Waste in Place Training. And we're also gonna want to talk about the July 19th craft event, and then September 16th the city wide clean-up. Does anybody else have anything we need to add to future agenda? I would like to put something out,

another thing on the future agenda because we're doing so much here... Tracy Stowers- It's \$500, I just went on Keep Texas Beautiful website and it's \$500 including the dinner, it's \$450 excluding the dinner late on-site registration is June 22 it's \$575-\$475. Regina Tidwell- I remember it being pretty pricy. Anna said may they would sponsor? Nicole Hardesty- Let's talk about it again next week. But with so many events and things I think that we need to either join with the city and be part of those events because it's a lot for you (gesturing towards Lauren Grayson) to be putting on Christmas in the Creek, and Pie Day and Nation Night Out, no National Night out is the Police department, but there's a lot of events that go on in this city and we don't have an events committee so it ends up being you guys and its almost like volunteer work for y'all to get that done, so id like to suggest we take some role in the city's events whether it was a specific role but something to support the cities office because literally Lauren and Tiffany will be doing Christmas in the Creek that's their job. So we need to support them and they don't have a committee. Remember it used to be like a whole bunch of us ladies that would be out there helping and that doesn't happen anymore. So I'd like to see if we could morph into something and maybe discuss in a little bit more detail at our next meeting. Tammy Butler- I'm all for it with Christmas in the Creek, I think that Pie Day has become more of the Marshals' Office thing, Nicole Hardesty- I hope not. Tammy Butler- It was last year. Nicole Hardesty- I think they just did it then, because it's always been a city event. Kimberly always did that. Let's try to get a list of the city events you know the ones that are city not marshal's department let's keep city and marshals separated and see what we can help with on city events. Tracy Stowers- maybe get a list so we know what ya'll need to most help with. Lauren Grayson- Pretty much all of it. Nicole Hardesty- Christmas on the Creek is huge they decorate this whole room; it's a lot of work. I just remember when I first moved here, there was a bunch of us that would come up and we'd each take a tree, and I remember I did the DR. Suess display over there. That was my thing and Mary Jeffers had a tree and so I'd like to see if we can become that for some of those events, just support staff I guess. Ok

7. ADJOURNMENT Tammy Butler makes motion for Adjournment. Regina Tidwell seconds motion. Nicole Hardesty- All in favor- All-Aye. All opposed- All- None. Nicole Hardesty- Motion carries, Thank you everyone. Regina Tidwell- See you next week. Motion carried 12:22pm

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Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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