

MINUTES
LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
NEW CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
212 SW 9th STREET
JULY 10, 2013

Mary Ann Hankins, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the New City Hall Auditorium. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bellino, Rose Mary; Dismuke, Bob; Godlove, Jane; Hankins, Mary Ann; Harbison, Jean; Safi, Anika (entered late); Smith, Addie.
ABSENT: Burk, Jay; Hushbeck, Tim; Smith, Marilyn; Sweeney, Kerry.
OTHER PRESENT: Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Reports

A. Receive report from 4-D Landscaping

Shahan stated due to the contract ending they will not be attending today.

B. Receive report from Kim Shahan, Parks and Recreation Director

Shahan stated 3 bidders attended the mandatory pre-bid conference on the RFP. The bid will be opened on the 16th and then a decision will be made of who will be awarded the contract. A contract should be in place by the end of the month.

Godlove stated the ballpark on 38th Street had 5 dead oaks and 1 crape myrtle with another crape myrtles with broken pieces.

Shahan stated I'll check on those. There will be a concert in Elmer Thomas Park on July the 27th. An organization called "Shelter of Love" is raising money for the State of Oklahoma Education shelter fund. The funds are to help build storm shelters for the school systems.

C. Receive report from Public Relations Committee

Godlove stated the website committee has not met since the last LETA meeting.

Hankins stated the website is in order we will finish the brochure. We want to make certain the information is uniform for both.

D. Treasurer Report

Ezell stated the ending balance for LETA is \$76,878.07; Playground In The Park \$22,981; Fire Pac \$2500.00; Friends of the Trail now has a zero balance so this line item will be removed from the report; Fishing for Food \$478.00 and LETA YA \$4800.00. The total bank balance is \$107,639.33.

Bellino stated (inaudible).

Ezell stated there were outside organizations allowed to use LETA's 501(c)(3) and they had their own individual bank accounts. Once the City Attorney was informed of this information he stated the accounts had to be closed and all monies had to go through the LETA account.

Motion by Dismuke; **Second** by Godlove, to accept the treasurer's report. **Aye:** Dismuke; Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Smith A; Bellino. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

2. New Business

A. Approve minutes of June 12, 2013.

Bellino asked do we know if the walk through was done on 11th Street. (Inaudible)

Hankins stated I don't know.

Godlove asked is L & L looking at the sprinklers.

Ezell stated yes. L & L will be monitoring the sprinkler until the end of July. The new contract will probably not be awarded until August so there is a possibility that the 21 locations could be unsupervised for part of August.

Godlove stated it appears the median at 40th & Gore isn't getting water. Can you ask them to check it.

Motion by Harbison; **Second** by Godlove, to approve the minutes as written. **Aye:** Dismuke; Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Smith A; Bellino. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

B. Nominate and award Yard Of The Month.

Hankins stated let's pass our pictures around so everyone can look at them and then each of you can promote your picture.

Dismuke stated Dr. Bellino we are so glad that you are part of our group again but would you mind joining us up here. I have a hard time hearing you.

Bellino stated this is the wrong venue for this committee in my opinion. We need to be upstairs around the table so that we can all speak together.

Dismuke stated I agree with you but I have been unable to hear until right now.

Hankins stated as these are being passed around to save time each individual can promote their picture. We will start with Godlove.

Godlove stated my pictures are of 4406 Meadowbrook. I nominated this yard because it has been consistently well cared for. Recently they did some new landscaping. It doesn't have flowers but it has trees with a beautiful row of blooming crape myrtles and is very well kept. They have cared for this yard for a long time.

Hankins stated I nominated the one on Ozmun. It is more cluttered than I like but it is in the middle of some really run down homes. They have worked hard and put a lot of effort into this yard. I also have nominated one by Wayne Gilley Park located at Cheyenne and 47th Street.

Harbison stated my nominee is located on Cherry. It is an old frame house and the exterior has been redone. They have done a good job of planting some focal points near the front door with an ornamental tree and a flower bed off to the side that is very attractive.

Bellino asked are we going to pick for one month or for several months.

Ezell stated just for the month of July.

Hankins asked okay let's vote. All those for 810 Arlington. (No hand raised) All those for 4810 Ozmun. (2 hands raised) For #8 NW 58th Street. (1 hand raised)

Safi stated the next 2 are from my Ward. They are right next to one another. Every morning these two ladies are in their house gowns, house shoes and curlers out taking care of their yards. One is 3008 and the other 3010 Pioneer Parkway. (2 hands raised for 3008)

Hankins stated this is 4634 Meadowbrook. (1 hand raised) The corner of Elm & 15th. (1 hand raised) This is on the corner of Euclid & 38th.

Hankins stated we have a tie with 4810 Ozmun and 3008 Pioneer Parkway. All those for 4810 Ozmun. (2 hands raised). All those for 3008 Pioneer Parkway. (5 hands raised) Yard of the month will be awarded to 3008 NE Pioneer Parkway.

Ezell stated Burk has the plaque and Safi will need to get it from him and place it in the yard by the 15th of the month.

Bellino asked are we still going to give a gift card to a nursery. We can afford a \$100 gift card.

Hankins stated that is a motivation and encouragement to get them excited about doing more. I think we should.

Ezell stated at the last meeting it was discussed to approach the different nurseries to see if they would match what we donated.

Motion by Bellino, Second by Safi, to give a \$100 gift card to the Yard of the Month winner.

Dismuke asked for each winner.

Bellino stated to the monthly winner.

Dismuke asked for each Ward.

Ezell stated no just for the winner.

Smith A asked did we set an amount for the Yard of the Year.

Godlove stated I would like to see us wait on that.

Smith A stated the reason I'm asking is if you are going to give \$100 for the monthly award then what amount would you set for the yearly award.

Dismuke asked do we have plaques that we give.

Godlove stated we have a metal sign that is placed in the yard for the month.

Hankins asked do we want to wait on voting until we have made a decision on Yard of the Year.

Godlove stated if they were selected for Yard of the Month they would have already received an amount. I would think we would not award money at the banquet. We don't have any other monetary awards.

Safi stated if we give a monetary award to one we would have to give it to each category. This is an incentive to win Yard of the Month.

Hankins asked are we doing a yard of the month for several months. How do we usually do that? Is this the only time we do Yard of the Month.

Ezell stated it was suppose to start in April and go through September.

Godlove stated we didn't get started in April this year.

Hankins stated so there will be more opportunities to give this award and you can resubmit the same pictures for the next month if you don't see anything you like better.

Dismuke stated why not award a winner for each Ward. It is hard for me to pick just one winner. They are all deserving.

Harbison stated I believe we would have a better impact by selecting one from each Ward. I would like to see us encourage more people to note this is going on and to improve their property.

Godlove stated I think that is a very good but also I'm somewhat concerned about the cost of the plaques.

Ezell stated I believe the plaque was quite expensive.

Dismuke stated we only have 1 plaque.

Ezell stated yes.

Dismuke stated I would rather award a yard in each Ward than a monetary award.

Godlove stated I suggest we investigate the cost of those plaques before we make a decision. Would you like to wait until we see what it would cost?

Dismuke stated sure.

Hankins stated we will just table this item.

Dismuke asked do we send a letter stating they have won.

Ezell stated no. That is a good idea.

3. Old Business

A. Review and Discuss Website and take action if necessary.

Safi stated we are waiting on Burk. I did receive a call from Bryan and we are waiting to see what Burk wants to do with the design.

4. Announcements

Godlove stated in touring the parks and medians I drove by all the schools except MacArthur and for the most part they all looked good. Some were better than others. Lawton High and Tomlinson Middle School both really looked good. Eisenhower High School and Junior High are absolutely dreadful. There were 5 dead trees at the Junior High and 1 in front of the High School with nothing else. It is shameful for those schools to look the way they do. I'm sure there will be those who say the schools don't have the money but if some look nice it seems that Eisenhower could as well. I don't know the best approach to the problem. Should we go to the Superintendent of Schools? I would like your thoughts because it is really unfortunate.

Smith A asked what about the money we raised for the schools from the silent auction.

Ezell stated that was given to LETA YA.

Hankins stated I thought LETA YA was looking for a project.

Ezell stated they are raising money for the 500 trees for the different schools but I'm not certain where they are with this project.

Dismuke stated I think we should just replace those trees.

Bellino stated first you have to start with management. I spoke with Eisenhower 2 or 3 years ago about these dead trees and they told me that Sullivan's Tree Service was going to remove the trees and nothing has happened. I think somebody needs to go and talk with the Superintendent of Schools. I'll be happy to go to the top dog and get something done.

Dismuke stated I would like to see them replaced.

Bellino stated you can only ask for one thing at a time.

Dismuke stated if they will remove them why can't we replace them.

Godlove stated the only problem there is they are not watered and cared for.

Dismuke stated I think we can get that done.

Godlove stated I think we need to go through the Superintendent.

Bellino stated I'll call him. I think we need to give a monthly report on our Wards. Drive around each month and then come back and voice your concerns.

Hankins asked are there any other announcements. Thank you for being here today.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Dismuke, **Second** by Godlove, to adjourn. **Aye:** Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Safi; Smith A; Bellino; Dismuke. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**