



Keep Marshall Beautiful Board Meeting Minutes
Marshall Public Library Board Room
May 7, 2024

1. Call to Order by Cheryel Carpenter at 4:33 pm. Board members in attendance were Lillian Banks, Cheryel Carpenter, Judi Journey, and Linda Scott. Also in attendance was city staff liaison Anna Lane, Director of Community & Neighborhood Services, and Marina Garcia-Heredia, Director of Parks & Recreation.
2. There were no presentations or remarks from the public.
3. Marina introduced herself and shared her background and experience in parks and recreation. She shared her goals and plans to add to the quality of life in Marshall by upgrading all the playgrounds in the parks and initiating family programming and events at the parks. Once playgrounds are ready, she is hoping to have mulch weekends this fall. She is interested in collaborating with Keep Marshall Beautiful to bring beautification to the parks whether through plantings or trash pick-ups or creek clean outs. Her motto is to “work hard so others can play”.
4. The April 2, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously upon a motion by Judi and second by Lillian.
5. Anna shared the Keep Texas Beautiful Great American Cleanup banner that was shipped to affiliates who had completed their affiliation report on time and had a scheduled clean up in Spring 2024. As the banner is undated, this can be used at any citywide clean up event. Stakes will be needed.

Anna provided an update on the success of the NEIGHBORLY program. She shared that she will be attending the May 14 regional Keep Texas Beautiful workshop in Lufkin which will feature presentations on adopt-a-highway, pollinator gardens, and a tour of wetlands.

6. Cheryel will check with Nita on the nominations for the Yard of the Month program and she encouraged the Board to look for additional places that meet the criteria. The request for Yard of the Month nominations is shared on the city’s website, Facebook page, and in the city newsletter.
7. Lillian shared pictures of the borders that had been added around the beds in the community garden. Cheryel shared that petunias had been added to the planters located on the 100 block of Houston.
8. There was no new business.
9. Upon a motion made by Lillian and second by Judi, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4.