

**Village of Volente**  
**Minutes for the Environmental Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 22, 2014 10:00am**  
Village of Volente City Hall  
16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, TX

**A. Items Opening Meeting**

1. *Call to Order*

*Mayor Frederick Graber called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.*

2. *Roll Call*

A quorum was established, with Frederick Graber, Andy Fogarasi, Anne Steichen and Curtis Ratica being present, and member Rolando Osorio being absent from the meeting.

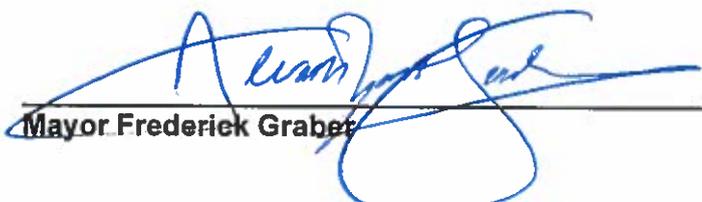
**B. General Business and Action Items**

1. Frederick Graber asked Vice Chair, Andy Fogarasi to take a larger role in planning and implementing Environmental Committee meetings and projects due to his extensive workload as Mayor and Andy agreed to do that.
2. Anne Steichen expressed her desire for access improvements at Friendship Park to be a priority of the Committee and discussed the need to install a handicap ramp and parking space adjacent to the traditional head-in parking of VJs, as well as a staircase to provide access to the parking area along Reed Drive. There was discussion of the residents expressed desire for Parks and Trails within the Village, but that residents were also clear that they did not want their tax dollars funding such projects. It was suggested that more specific project plans be brought to a future Committee meeting along with estimated costs and funding proposals.
3. There was discussion and general confusion about the location of the potential 10-acre Mollenberg parkland on Lime Creek Road. Frederick Graber explained the unclear title and enormous efforts Administrator Barbara Wilson has gone through to try to attain clear title of the land for the Village.
4. Dorothy Wilhelm spoke to roadways not always being on the platted right-of-way. Mattie Adams explained efforts taken to determine where Lime Creek Road was in comparison to the platted right-of-way and spoke to prescriptive rights of the Village.
5. Plats and property lines along sections of Lime Creek Road were reviewed to compare where the built roadway (Lime Creek Rd) was placed in comparison to the platted roadway easement and whether there was space available for the continuation of a trail system. Andy Fogarasi stated that it seemed natural that the next leg of the trail continue from the existing trail, connecting Jackson and Sherman, north along Lime Creek Road to the Bernard Street right-of-way and stating that this could allow for a larger rotation within the neighborhood since many neighbors already casually used interior paths, including the unimproved Bernard Street right-of-way. It was noted that that segment had a wide area of platted right-of-way where a path could be implemented.
6. Further trail considerations were discussed. Curtis Ratica stated that he'd like to see us consider more substantial path materials than mulch. Anne Steichen said she would talk to the Lott and Blanik families and bring back any concerns to the Committee.
7. Dorothy Wilhelm stated that the Committee should always keep in mind the cost of maintenance, and did not think it was much of a priority from Joy-Sharon-West residents to connect at this time, since most already had the ½-mile rotation within their area. The Committee discussed that the 3rd leg of the trail system should probably be along FM2769 to either connect Mack's Canyon to Reed, or Debbie Drive to connect with Booth.

5. *The Committee discussed different funding options for parks and trails. One being the parkland fund. Grants from Walk for a Day, Arborist Society, and possible other organizations. Barbara Wilson explained the possible park acquisition from Travis County of the Bruce C. Mollenberg Park.*
6. *Agenda Item 8 was postponed until the Committee is further along with Friendship Park. Mayor made the motion, Curtis Ratica seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
7. *The Committee discussed that their first steps would be to research various park designs and funding mechanisms, starting with their March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting then do various research assignments.*
8. *Mayor Graber made a motion to adjourn, Curtis Ratica seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 11.42 AM

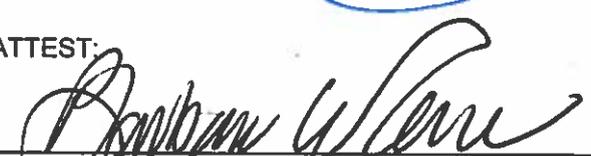
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2014.



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Mayor Frederiek Graber

ATTEST:



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Barbara Wilson, City Administrator  
Acting City Secretary in Joan Jackson City Secretary's Absence