

Village of Volente
Minutes for the Environmental Committee Meeting
Saturday, March 30, 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 10:00 a.m.

2. *Roll Call*

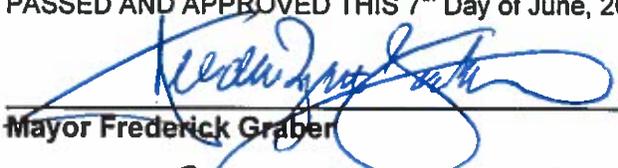
A quorum was established, with Frederick Graber, Andy Fogarasi and Anne Steichen being present, and members Curtis Ratica and Rolando Osorio being absent from the meeting.

B. General Business and Action Items

1. Frederick Graber read a letter from Rolando Osorio expressing his need to resign from the Committee to address family matters. An email from Curtis was reviewed expressing his support of the Committee's pursuits.
2. The Village Trails System was discussed and it was determined that a presentation should be given at the April City Council meeting on the Committee's progress on the overall vision for a trail system and authorization requested to take the next steps. Crushed granite, secured on either side appears to be the most favorable material for most of the trail. However, it was recognized that trail building would likely occur in stages, and that alternate materials might be necessary during the interim. It was further discussed that crushed granite would not be appropriate in some areas, and that identifying where the trail would be placed would portend the next step of determining the appropriate trail material and specific cost projections. There was discussion that the Committees trail-building priority would be to provide an alternative to walking on Lime Creek Rd and FM 2769. Committee members were encouraged to begin discussions within their neighborhoods about the desire and concerns of a potential trail. A motion was made by Frederick Graber, and seconded by Anne Steichen that Andy Fogarasi make a presentation to the City Council at the April Council meeting. All voted yes, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Anne Steichen discussed handicap access improvements for Friendship Park, but bids had not yet been received. She will bring bids to a future Committee meeting.
4. Potential costs were discussed for both trails and park improvements and the Committee agreed that until specific project plans and bids are reviewed by the Committee, they should not be recommended to Council. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th Day of June, 2014.



Mayor Frederick Graber

ATTEST:



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