

## **I. WELCOME, ROLE CALL**

**Members Present:** Joe Amelio, Jamie Borrromeo, Dick Busse, Celeste Martin Melehan, Lucy Perez, Mannie Dominguez, Devony Taylor

**Members Absent:** Mike Borbely, Rebecca Elliott, Valerie Tench, Arvind Kumar, Diana Morgan, Ann Smith

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MINUTES:** Dick moved to accept the minutes, Mannie seconded. The minutes were approved.

## **III. Special Guest: Gloria McCain**

Gloria met Diana at the Spring in Guadalupe Gardens event. She was invited to the meeting to talk to the group about the milkweed plants she would like to donate. She has several large milkweed plants as well as nectar plants that attract butterflies. Lucy mentioned that another group is currently working on a Butterfly Garden at the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens and they have a need for ore plants. Lucy will work with Gloria to get the plant planted at the new butterfly garden.

## **IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Status of Keep San Jose Beautiful Fiscal Agreement:** Devony presented a grant extension request that was received from Santa Teresa Neighborhood Association. The Steering Committee (SC) conditionally approved the request and directed the association to work with Our City Forest to plant a free tree. The SC expressed concern about the delay and dispersing funds. They mentioned that the parties waiting for funds are volunteer groups and they do not want to lose energetic volunteers due to delays in funding.

## **V. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Beautification Grants:** Dick Busse

The committee reviewed the revised application and made some changes.

**Community Outreach:** Ann Smith (Absent)

Devony reported that she is working with City IT to get the new web domain and update the website.

**Daffodils & Natives:** Mannie Dominguez

Mannie reported that she will write up information to be posted on the web regarding this year's bulb give-away. Dates for the bulb give-away will be set at the next meeting.

**Earth Balloon Portable Classroom:** All

Mike reported on several Earth Balloon presentations that he volunteered for. Devony reminded the group that there is a need for volunteers for the Earth Balloon event at Horace Mann on May 30<sup>th</sup>. She will send out an email reminder.

**Community Improvement Awards:** Mike Borbely /Celeste Martin Melehan

The committee reviewed the new paperwork for the CIA program. The SC approved changing the name to Community Improvement Awards to reflect the various categories recognized by the award program.

**Go Green Initiative:** Joe/Devony

Devony attended the last Go Green Committee meeting. The committee spent a large amount of time discussing the 2008 Go Green Conference including possible topics and speakers.

**Earth Day/Spring in Guadalupe Gardens:** All

Joe, Mike and Mannie reported on the Earth Day event at GRPG. They mentioned that the Earth Balloon did not go up. Other comments were that the electric trains were too close to the Earth Balloon area and that KSJB needs a banner and table drape w/ the logo. Overall they felt it was a good event but that next year there needs to be more coordination for the KSJB area.

**Butterfly Habitat:** Diana (Absent)

**ADJOURNMENT:** To the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 18, 2008 at Kirk Community Center, 1601 Foxworthy Avenue, Room 4 at 3 PM