

**Outreach Committee Meeting
City of Bonita Springs Official
Meeting Agenda
City Hall Council Chambers
9101 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
5:30 pm**

I. Call to order - Altony Lee

Present

Altony Lee
Lester James
Andres Paz
Angel Cerritos

Staff

Debbie Vallante
Logan DeShong

Guest

Peter Simmons (by phone)
Ruth Condit

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. James led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment

No public comments.

IV. Review and approve minutes from May 17, 2022.

There was not a quorum so the May 17, 2022, minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

V. New Business

- Fiesta Bonita Update

Andres shared that he is working on securing entertainment for the September 17th event. He has lined up a mariachi band, a 150' inflatable obstacle course for children, and three of eight food trucks have agree to participate. The event will run from 2pm – 6pm.

- **City Banners**

Tony brought up Spanish Heritage Month from September 15 – October 15th. He wondered if the committee would support procuring Spanish Heritage banners for the roundabout area downtown, to be installed after the Fourth of July. Andres suggested looking into banners for Black History month as well. Tony believes the city has a budget for banners.

- **Trash Pick -Up on Martin Luther King Day**

The committee discussed the status of this topic. The county contract was renewed. Lora Taylor shared the committee's request but there has been no further action. Peter Simmons is willing to set up meetings with county representatives if it would help. He indicated commissioners are on a break now until the beginning of August.

- **Bathrooms at Soccer Field**

Andres asked for the status of this. The trash issue was also brought up. Is it possible for Parks Department to share plans for upkeep and maintenance with committee, to determine if the Outreach council liaison needs to get involved?

- **YMCA**

Angel Cerritos spoke about summer camp being in session. He also mentioned the YMCA is offering free swim lessons to children, ages 1 – 12. The program is called "License to Swim" and the goal is to reduce drowning deaths in local communities. Funding was provided by local residents and 80 – 90 students have taken advantage of the program so far. Although there is currently a waiting list, there are opportunities for sign-up in some of the upcoming sessions.

- **Back to School Drive**

Tony asked that Michael provide the date for the next meeting so committee can get it on their calendars.

- **Future Award Recognition**

Tony Lee remarked that the Award Recognition from last month went well, and the committee got to learn more about the community Continuing Education Program. The criterion for potential candidates is they are an unsung hero or people in the community that are doing amazing things, uplifting others. The committee discussed whether Teri Lamaine from the Bonita Springs Assistance Office had been presented a certificate in the past.

Tony recognized a guest in the audience. The guest introduced herself as Ruth Condit, a candidate for City Hall District #3. She shared she has the endorsement of the Hispanic Vote of Southwest Florida.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Vallante

Debbie Vallante,
Office Assistant

APPROVED OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Date: 08/16/2022

AUTHENTICATED:

Altony Lee, Chairman
