

**10/19/15**

**ARANSAS COUNTY CLEAN TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES --  
ROCKPORT-FULTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY INTERIM CHAIRMAN MARK WATERS AT 5:35PM**

**SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR THOSE ATTENDING**

**THE NOMINATING OF OFFICERS WAS POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF SOME KEY PEOPLE.**

**WE EACH INTRODUCED OURSELVES & SPOKE ABOUT ANYTHING NEW THAT HAD DEVELOPED SINCE THE LAST MEETING REGARDING ARANSAS COUNTY CLEAN UPS.**

**J. TAYLOR SPOKE ABOUT THE MOST RECENT COASTAL CLEAN UP HE ORGANIZED ALONG THE FULTON COASTLINE. THIS WAS THE LAST OF 9 PRIOR CLEAN UPS HE ORGANIZED. THE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, A 4H GROUP ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS ATTENDED. THE TOTAL LBS COLLECTED WAS OVER 500. LIMITATIONS OF THE TEAM WERE TRASH IN THE WATER & CREVICES IN THE ROCK RIPRAP LINING THE COASTLINE. AREAS THAT ARE PRONE TO LOTS OF TRASH THAT BLOW FROM OTHER PLACES ARE OYSTER HOUSE [USED TO BE ALICE FAYE'S] & THE LIGHTHOUSE INN BOAT RAMP – BOTH HAVE LOTS OF DEBRIS & TRASH UNDER THE WATER & ARE HARD TO CLEAN UP FROM SHORE. TAYLOR WAS ALSO IMPRESSED WITH THE HEAVY TRASH CONTAINERS ALONG THE BEACH IN PORT ARANSAS & THE BIG TRUCK WITH OVERSIZED TIRES THAT CAN GO ALONG THE BEACH TO EMPTY THESE BIG NEW CONTAINERS. WITH THIS TRUCK THE CITY OF PORT ARANSAS WAS ABLE TO REDUCE THE STAFF NEEDED TO EMPTY THESE CONTAINERS BY ONE PERSON.**

**KAREN MELLA SPOKE ABOUT AN UPCOMING EVENT ON 10/31/15 – TRICK OR TRASH – HOSTED BY THE LEADERSHIP ARANSAS COUNTY ALUMNI GROUP.**

**ROBERT DRAKE – POLICE OFFICER FROM ARANSAS PASS – SPOKE ABOUT THE QUARTERLY CLEAN UPS IN ARANSAS PASS. THE LAST CLEAN UP WAS 10/10/15. SOME OF THE GROUPS HELPING WERE FROM OXYCHEM & OPEN CARRY TEXAS. ANOTHER PROJECT BEING STARTED IN ARANSAS PASS IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE – USING THE CITY ZONING MAP, THE CITY WAS DEVIDED INTO GRIDS, TAKING 1 GRID [SECTION OF THE CITY] AT A TIME FOR A SATURATION CONCEPT FOR EACH ZONE & TARGETING AREAS/SPOTS/VIOLATORS WHERE DEBRIS COLLECTS. CODE ENFOREMENT GOES IN 1<sup>ST</sup> WITH NOTICES ABOUT THE NEED TO CLEAN UP & THE THREAT OF CITATIONS, PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE CLEAN UP INITIATIVE ROLLOFF DUMPSTERS ARE LOCATED IN THE AREA SO THE RESIDENTS CAN CLEAN UP & DISPOSE OF THEIR TRASH & DEBRIS EASIER THAN GOING TO THE LANDFILL. THE DAY OF THE CLEAN UP THE GROUPS TARGET EVERYTHING – CURBS, GUTTERS, DITCHES, FENCE LINES, OLD CARS, TIRES, EVERYTHING IS BAGGED & PUT IN THE ROLLOFFS, TRAILERS, ETC. FOR TRANSFER TO THE LANDFFILL.**

**MARK WATERS ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE FULTON CLEAN UP EFFORT – HE WAS ONE OF THE HELPERS & WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE WHOLE EVENT.**

**IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE NEEDED TO ADD THE COUNTY & NAVIGATION DISTRICT TO THE GROUP FOR FULLER REPRESENTATION.**

**PAULA DEAN IS HEADING UP THE EDUCATION PART OF THE PROGRAM THAT IS IN DEVELOPMENT. RECYCLING IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO SPOTLIGHT THE FULTON LEARNING CENTER ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING PROGRAM MARTHA MACLEOD [?] HEADS UP. THIS PROGRAM IS SO VERY SUCCESSFUL & COULD BE UTILIZED BY THE WHOLE OF ARANSAS COUNTY WITH SOME ASSISTANCE. MARTHA HAS BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING**

**ALONG WITH MARTHA WE HOPE TO INVITE JULIE FINLEY [?] – KEEP PORT A BEAUTIFUL & JACE TUNNEL WITH UTMSI [UT MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE] TO THE NEXT MEETING.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA LONG WITH A 2<sup>ND</sup> BY GINGER EASTON-SMITH TO NAME THE GROUP KEEP ARANSAS COUNTY BEAUTIFUL. THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION REGARDING BEING ABLE TO USE THE KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATION.**

**THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR**

**NELLI SPURELL WILL MAKE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR US & MR. TAYLOR WILL SHARE THE ADMIN. DUTIES WITH HER.**

**FURTHER DICUSSION ENSUED ABOUT A MISSION STATEMENT & LEADERS.**

**THE NEXT KEEP ARANSAS COUNTY BEAUTIFUL GROUP WILL MEET AT THE HONOR HALL OF THE ROCKPORT-FULTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON MON. 11/9/15 AT 5:30.**

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:40PM.**

**SUBMITTED BY: LYNN BASKIND, TEMPORARY SECRETARY**

