

Midland Walkabouts June 7, 2021 Minutes

Attending: Jack Rogers, Gary and Carolyn Petersen, Ray and Donna Stephenson, Laurel Henry, Jeff Floyd, Kenneth Rust, Diana Smart, Janice Courtney, Alex Rose, Agnes Biggs, and Bonnie Resley.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Jeff Floyd, Grounds Supervisor at Midland College. Jeff explained how he wants to see more color in the plantings around campus and he would like to make sure the area around the memorial markers fits with the rest of the campus. His goal is to have the area under the oak tree improved early this coming spring.

In gratitude for his efforts Jack Rogers announced that he would pay Mr. Floyd's Walkabout membership dues for the remainder of the 2021 year. Thanks Jack.

The June walk will be around the UTPB campus. This Saturday promises to be toasty so we are getting an early start. If you want to carpool/caravan, please meet behind the JumBurrito at Midland Park Mall at 7:00am. If you prefer, you can meet the group at the parking lot just west of the fire station at 5151 E. University Blvd., in Odessa at 7:30am. Please bring water and \$3 (or new member coupon) and your distance/events booklets for stamping.

Diana reviewed where things stand with the t-shirts. The club voted to purchase 6 extra shirts of various sizes to keep in "inventory" and the club also decided to go with A1 Graphic Solutions.

Diana reported on the Monahans Sandhills walk of May 8, and the San Angelo walk of May 22. At the Sandhills we had 11 walkers, and in San Angelo there were 8 walkers.

The Walkabouts are slated to participate in the Midland Health Wellness event on Saturday July 31st. We will do the Racquet Club walk then, rather than on the 10th as originally scheduled. There was some discussion of whether to also have a walk on the 10th, but nothing was decided. Diana is attending the national AVA conference in Madison, WI, but will be back by the 10th.

Diana has been in touch with the Permian Basin Bicycle Association (PBBA). PBBA is developing trails on a 136-acre tract on the east side of Midland, near I-20 and FM-307. The trails are various lengths and for different ability levels. The grand opening is in July. The trails are supposed to be appropriate for hikers, bikers, and bird-watchers etc. We intend to gather further information, and we might consider walking there on July 10.

At this point the club reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 3 meeting.

Kenneth Rust discussed the Treasurer's Report and it was approved. There is a balance of \$1,106.75 in our account. There was income of \$48 during the month of May, and zero expenses.

Diana made note of the fact that due to the Fourth of July holiday, our next meeting would be July 12.

Other notes:

-Diana informed us that the Friends of the Library used book store is holding a 75% off sale for the month of June. They are open Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 9am to 12 Noon and are located at 2305 W. Michigan.

-The latest monthly issue of AVA's Checkpoint newsletter was on display. Anyone who wants a free electronic copy can email Hector at hector@ava.org and note "Request for Checkpoint" on the subject line. Hector Hernandez is AVA's Web and Tech Support person.

-Carolyn passed around a photo of the Windlands Park display case as it appeared in late May.

-The most recent quarterly issue of AVA's newspaper, "The American Wanderer" was also on display. This publication is available either in paper or electronic format to all Volkssport Associate Members. The membership costs \$25/individual or \$30/family per year. See <https://cb.ava.org/membership.php>

-Janice Courtney noted that the price of a Forever stamp increases in August to 58 cents each.