

Minutes  
Colorado River Walkers  
October 9, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Carol Obianwu, president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the meeting room in the Mueller HEB. Eleven members were present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the 9/11/2017 meeting were read and accepted as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sam Harris reported the current bank balance of \$2,049.12.

**YRE REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2017:**

Austin Historical	3w	Brushy Creek	2w, 0b
Lady Bird Lake	2w	Pflugerville	9w
Fairview Park	2w	Round Rock	2w
Georgetown	3w	Belton	2w
Salado	1w		
Total: 27w x \$3 = \$81.00			

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The CRW sponsored walk event, Patterson Park to Mueller Redevelopment, held on 9/30/2017 was a big success. It was a beautiful day with 114 participants. A big "thank you" goes to Barb B. who brought along eleven of her Meet-Up group to the walk. CRW made a profit of approximately \$166.00 from the event.
2. Five CRW members participated in a featured YRE at Palmetto State Park on 10/7/2017. This was a farewell walk as it is being discontinued at the end of 2017. It was reported to be a great walk. Also on 10/7/2017, two CRW members completed the Round Rock YRE and enjoyed the Chalk Art event being held at the Baca Center start point. It was suggested to look into partnering with the Chalk Art event next year (10/6/2018) for a featured YRE. At present, there is no nearby walk event scheduled on that date.
3. REI is sponsoring "Opt Out" on 11/24/2017, the day after Thanksgiving. This is to promote a venue for activities other than shopping. CRW will host a group walk on that date featuring the Georgetown YRE.

**New Business:**

1. The next CRW sponsored walk, "Ghost Neighborhood at Onion Creek", will be held 11/18/2017. Flyers have been printed and are being distributed. The routes are being developed. The worker's walk will be either 11/4, 5, 11, or 12/2017. Carol O. will send an e-mail when the date is finalized. Those who would like to volunteer to staff the walk should notify Carol O. so that she can put you on the schedule.
2. Elaine Barber, a long time CRW member, contacted Carol O. about the possibility of establishing a YRE at the Domain. She would map out a route and maintain the walk box. This will be further investigated for possible implementation in 1/1/2019.
3. The Starting Point, a compilation of all YREs in the USA for 2018 is at the publisher. If ordered through CRW, the cost will be \$20. The cost will increase if purchased through AVA or at walk events of other clubs. If you would like a copy, let Carol O. know by 10/15/2017, and she will place your order.

4. Special Programs are updated every year. Eight current programs are being discontinued at the end of 2017; one will be added, Olympics. All YREs are being revised to delete the Programs no longer available. The new program will be added, if applicable. Because routes are tailored to accommodate the Special Programs, those routes can now be changed to include other points of interest near current routes. Anyone walking a YRE should let Carol O. know by 10/15/2017, if they identify such a possible change.

5. AVA is continuing to investigate implementation of Electronic Walk Boxes, particularly for remote areas where finding a suitable starting point and maintaining the box is difficult for clubs. In Texas, there are four Electronic Boxes, two in San Antonio, (South Side Lions Park and North Star Mall), one in Goliad, and one in Amarillo. Charles R., who has used the system, reviewed the process which he found user friendly. Currently, CRW is considering using an Electronic Box for the YRE in Belton since it is quite a distance from Austin.

6. A thank you note was received from AVA for CRW's participation in the Big Give for 2017.

**Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, Oct.14, 2017 – Elmendorf Lake Park – San Antonio

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017 – Selma Stage Stop – Selma

Saturday, Nov. 4 & Sunday, Nov. 5 – NBW Wurstfest- New Braunfels

Saturday, Nov. 11, Historic City Walk - Castroville

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 – “Ghost” Neighborhood at Onion Creek - Austin

For further information about the above events, Please check the AVA web-site.

**Milestones:**

Linda Dennis – 275 events

Debra Galloway – 250 events

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zeitler, Recording Secretary