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BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2021

The Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the CHISD Training Room located at the Cedar Hill Government Center. The following Board members were present: Brian Hart, Jai-W Hayes-Jackson, Lester Singleton, Andrew Adams, Sylvia Johnson, Bertha Middlebrooks, Patricia Diaz, Delores Shaw, Gerald Malone, Robert Largent. The following Board members were absent: none. The following City staff members were present: Duy Vu. Additional attendees: none.

I. Call meeting to order

Hart called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Approve minutes of July 15, 2021

Hayes-Jackson motioned for the approval of minutes from July 15, 2021. Middlebrooks seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Citizen's Forum

Hart opened the Citizen's Forum. No additional attendees were present. Hart closed the Citizen's Forum.

IV. Board Elections

Hart declared that he would step down as Chair.

Middlebrooks was nominated as Chair. Hart went through the roll for yeas and nays. All yeas. Middlebrooks was elected as Chair unanimously.

Hayes-Jackson was nominated as Vice Chair. Hart went through the roll for yeas and nays. All yeas. Hayes-Jackson was elected as Vice Chair unanimously.

V. Green Awards

Vu reminded the Board of the Green Awards. Vu updated the Board of the fund increase to \$3,000. The increase will begin October 1, 2021 with the new fiscal year.

VI. BES Board Programs

The Board brainstormed on potential new programs.

- Develop a tree program to fill in “dead spots.” Board needs to consider maintenance.
- Develop a trails lighting project possibly with solar.
- Develop a composting project.
- Develop a creek auditing program for litter and debris. Board needs to consider private property rights.
- Develop a Joe Pool Lake water quality testing program possibly in partnership with TCC.
- Construct an entry monument sign along FM 1382.
- Develop community gardens specifically with flower beds. Further landscape medians near traffic lights.
- Enhance the birding program through partnerships with the Audubon and Cedar Ridge Preserve. Sponsor cleanups. Sponsor benches.
- Create QR code stickers for recycling bins for Know-What-To-Throw.

VII. Environmental Manager's Report

Vu updated the Board on current City activities.

VIII. Adjourn

Hart made a motion to adjourn. Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.