

**CITY OF CEDAR HILL
BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

The Beautification & Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the CHISD Training Room located at the Cedar Hill Government Center. The following Board members were present: Katie Christman, Carol Sosebee, Patricia Diaz, LaTambra Gibson, Bertha Middlebrooks, Brian Hart, Gerald Malone, Lester Singleton, Andrew Adams. The following Board members were absent: Jai-W Hayes-Jackson, Robert Largent, Silvia Johnson. The following City staff members were present: Duy Vu. Additional attendees: none.

I. Call meeting to order

Middlebrooks called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II. Approve minutes of July 21, 2022 and August 18, 2022

Gibson motioned to table the approval of minutes from July 21, 2022 and August 18, 2022. Singleton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Citizen's Forum

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

IV. Green Awards and Clean Cedar Hill updates

Vu updated the Board on Green Awards advertising and Clean Cedar Hill operational plan updates.

V. New Programs Discussion

a. Home composting

- o Composting class and event
- o Market Cedar Hill classes?

b. Rainwater harvesting

- o Classes
- o Rainwater garden?

c. Native plants

- o Tree City = native and natural
- o Demonstration native garden?
- o Geared for Bird City

- Plant giveaways – success measure
 - 1. Vary plant giveaways to different outreach topics
- Native plant requirement for development
- Partnership potential
 - 1. Dogwood fall and spring sale
 - 2. Cedar Hill high school greenhouse – production
 - 3. Texas Discovery Gardens
- Voluntary switch to natives
 - 1. Native grass regulations?
- d.** Country Day on the Hill
 - Educational series – Evs
- e.** Rainwater runoff and water barrels
 - Giveaways
- f.** Multiday conference and educational series
 - Different tracks – EVs, Solar, Future protection education on climate, water conservation, birds
- g.** Bird City
 - Birding challenge – get the most pictures and submittals
 - 1. Prize for the winner
 - Scavenger hunt – place “birds” in parks and have residents take photos
 - 1. Prize for finding all of the birds
 - Backyard birding kit
 - 1. Bird feeders – how to attract birds to backyard
 - 2. Pilot at Senior Center?
 - 3. Audubon partnership?
 - 4. Bird identification help
- h.** Social media – Facebook, Nextdoor
 - “Green Minute” – Duy’s face on social media
- i.** Benches, fences, etc. for lookouts
 - Partner with local community to donate to infrastructure
 - Made with recyclables

VI. Environmental Manager’s Report

VII. Adjourn

Malone made a motion to adjourn. Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.