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### 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

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