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### CITY OF CEDAR HILL BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022

The Beautification & Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, November 17, 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, LaTambra Gibson, Bertha Middlebrooks, Lester Singleton, Andrew Adams, , Silvia Johnson, Patricia Diaz, Gerald Malone. The following Board members were absent: Jai-W Hayes-Jackson, Robert Largent, Brian Hart. The following City staff members were present: Duy Vu. Additional attendees: Al Hernandez.

#### I. **Call meeting to order**

Middlebrooks called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### II. **Approve minutes of October 20, 2022**

Middlebrooks motioned to table the approval of minutes from October 20, 2022. Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### III. **Citizen's Forum**

Middlebrooks opened the Citizen's Forum. Al Hernandez with Atmos was present. Hernandez spoke of partnership opportunities with BES Board initiatives. Middlebrooks closed the Citizen's Forum.

#### IV. **Green Awards Update**

Vu notified the Board that only 1 application was received. The original application due date was October 31, 2022. Vu notified the Board that an application extension was necessary to November 30, 2022.

#### V. **Clean Cedar Hill review**

Vu updated the board on the Clean Cedar Hill event on Saturday October 22, 2022. In total 31 groups and 254 volunteers participated in the cleanup event. 3 sponsors and 2 partner organizations participated. 13 streets, 10 neighborhoods, and 8 parks were cleaned. 2 30-yard roll-offs were filled with collected trash and removed.

The Board discussed the following items:

- For the next event, review the need for shirts versus hats or visors.
- Make prepared bags for shirts and other cleanup items.

- Post larger signage for participants to locate the supply pickup location.
- Reach out to individual businesses to clean their properties.
- Incentivize a group picture, potentially after the event.
- Make a competition of the cleanup.
- Potentially, have a closing ceremony for City Council members to speak.
- Invite City staff to participate.

Gerald motioned to have the next Clean Cedar Hill event on April 22, 2022. Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **VI. New Programs Subcommittees**

The Board will form two subcommittees to discuss an environmental educational series initiative and a native plants initiative.

Gibson, Christman, and Singleton volunteered to the environmental educational series subcommittee.

Malone, Diaz, Johnson, and Sosebee volunteered to the native plants subcommittee.

Vu will send the subcommittee members guidelines for discussion. The subcommittees will discuss the topics before the January 19, 2023 meeting. The subcommittees will reconvene and share findings on the January 19, 2023 meeting.

#### **VII. Environmental Manager's Report**

Vu notified the Board of upcoming events.

- 12/1 – Holiday on the Hill
- 12/15 – BES Board
- 1/16 – MLK
- 1/19 – BES Board
- 2/16 – BES Board
- 3/4 – Neighborhood Block Party – BES Board booth
- 4/15 – Earth Fest – BES Board booth

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

Middlebrooks made a motion to adjourn. Singleton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.