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## CITY OF CEDAR HILL BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Beautification & Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room located at the Cedar Hill Government Center. The following Board members were present: LaTambra Gibson, Patricia Diaz, Bertha Middlebrooks, Lester Singleton, Nikita Russell, Lisa Lathon-Brooks, Andrew Adams, Brian Hart, Silvia Johnson, Robert Largent, Carol Sosebee. The following Board members were absent: Katie Christman. The following City staff members were present: Duy Vu. Additional attendees: None.

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

Middlebrooks called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

### II. **Approve minutes of November 16, 2023**

Lathon-Brooks motioned to approve the minutes of November 16, 2023. Middlebrooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Middlebrooks opened the Citizen's Forum. No one from the general public was in attendance. Adams closed the Citizen's Forum.

### IV. **Air North Texas Partner of the Year**

Vu presented the Air North Texas Partner of the Year award to the Board for achievements in air quality outreach and programming.

### V. **Trail Plogging Station**

Vu updated the Board on the trail plogging station progress. Vu anticipated the first station would be completed and installed by the end of December 2023 or the beginning of January 2024.

### VI. **Discovery Garden**

Vu notified the Board of the transfer of program responsibility of the Discovery Garden from the Library to Environmental. Vu updated the Board on the challenges of the Discovery Garden in three primary areas: participation accountability, gardening education, and maintenance cost. Vu suggested the development of a short and long-term strategy to improve operations and participation.



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The Board briefly discussed the Discovery Garden. Hart tabled the discussion to a future meeting. The future meeting will have dedicated time for the Discovery Garden.

### **VII. Sustainability Plan**

Vu presented the need to update the Sustainability Plan. Vu notified the Board of a future work plan to develop the Sustainability Plan.

### **VIII. Governor's Community Achievement Award**

Middlebrooks tabled the GCAA to the next meeting.

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

Vu updated the Board on upcoming events. Vu also discussed the traffic signal box wraps with the Board.

### **X. Adjourn**

Middlebrooks made a motion to adjourn. Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.