

**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.

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.