

**CITY OF CEDAR HILL
BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

The Beautification & Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the CHISD Conference Room of the Cedar Hill Government Center. The following Board members were present: Bertha Middlebrooks, Lisa Lathon-Brooks, Patricia Diaz, LaTambra Gibson, Brian Hart, Robert Largent, Nikita Russell, Lester Singleton, and Carol Sosebee. The following Board members were absent: Andrew Adams, Katie Christman, and Silvia Johnson. The following City staff members were present: Lauren Betz and Marie Watts.

I. Call meeting to order

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

II. Approve minutes of December 14, 2023 and January 25, 2024 meetings

Middlebrooks motioned to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 and January 25, 2024 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen's Forum

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

IV. Green Awards

The Board received Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center's final report as the recipient of the 2023 Green Awards. As a follow-up to the January 25, 2024 BES Board Meeting, staff said that Cedar Hill High School was unable to accept the \$1,500 from the Green Awards to reinvigorate their greenhouse due to the fact that the teacher that applied for the grant will not be there next year and current staff does not have plans for the green house.

The Board discussed alternatives and elected to roll over the \$1,500 award funds to the next year to have additional funds to award.

V. Community Garden

BES Board members discussed ideas for the community garden at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library as it transitions from the Library to Environmental Services including guidelines, native plans, having

educational components such as mentor/mentee gardening and groups adopting a garden plot.

BES Board members requested information including the budget, current guidelines, and number of plots. The Board will discuss the garden in more detail at the next meeting.

VI. Staff Report

Staff discussed the BES Board booth at the annual Citywide Block Party and the upcoming Cedar Hill Beautification Day.

VII. Adjourn

Middlebrooks motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lester Singleton. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.