

**CITY OF CEDAR HILL
BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024**

The Beautification & Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, March 21, 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, LaTambra Gibson, Brian Hart, Silvia Johnson, Robert Largent, Nikita Russell, Lester Singleton, and Carol Sosebee. The following Board members were absent: Andrew Adams, Katie Christman, and Patricia Diaz. The following City staff members were present: Lauren Betz and Marie Watts.

I. Call meeting to order

Middlebrooks called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Approve minutes of February 15, 2024 meeting

Middlebrooks motioned to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen's Forum

Middlebrooks opened the Citizen's Forum. No comments were received. Middlebrooks closed the Citizen's Forum.

IV. Discuss Community Garden

Staff provided the Board with the current community rules and commitment form, garden plot layout, plot availability, grow/no grow list, and community garden expenses. After reviewing the documents, the Board brainstormed ideas for gardener maintenance requirements for individual gardeners and the gardeners as a communal group, educational programs to support gardening efforts, use of a plot for BES Board educational use, edits to the garden guidelines, and a meet and greet hosted by the BES Board to kick off the next phase of the community garden.

Middlebrooks motioned to table this item to the April 18, 2024 Board meeting. Singleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Community Event Updates

Staff discussed the following events:

- April 4, 2024 – Library in a Park VIP Gala
- April 13, 2024 – Cedar Hill Beautification and Arbor Day Celebration
- April 27, 2024 – Library in a Park Grand Opening

VI. Staff Report

Staff thanked BES Board members for their participation in the annual Citywide Block Party and presentation of the 2024 Green Award to Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center. Staff also advised that as of the March 21, 2024 meeting day, 75 participants signed up for the annual spring cleanup at the Cedar Hill Beautification and Arbor Day Celebration.

VII. Adjourn

Middlebrooks motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lester Singleton. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.