

**CITY OF CEDAR HILL
BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024**

The Beautification & Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, May 16, 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, Nikita Russell, Dr. Lester Singleton, and Carol Sosebee. The following Board members were absent: Andrew Adams, Patricia Diaz, Sylvia Johnson, and Robert Largent. The following City staff members were present: Lauren Betz and Marie Watts.

I. Call meeting to order

Middlebrooks called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Approve minutes of April 18, 2024 meeting

Gibson motioned to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting. Singleton 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. Review and approve draft Community Garden Commitment Form

The Board reviewed the Community Garden Commitment Form and requested that verbiage be added that states use of pesticides and weed killers/herbicides is prohibited. Singleton motioned that the commitment form be approved with the revision. Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Discuss Community Garden Meet & Greet Event

Betz provided potential dates for the Community Garden Meet & Greet in June. After discussion, the Board voted to hold the event during the Board's regularly scheduled June meeting date, Thursday, June 20th at 6 PM in the CHISD Training Room on the 3rd floor of the Government Center. Betz told the Board that the event would include guest speakers who are experienced, active gardeners.

BES Board members requested that eligible gardeners that were on the Discovery Garden's wait list be contacted and invited to the event. They also asked staff to secure door prizes for attendees.

VI. Staff Report

Betz reminded the Board of the June 7th Clean Air Action Day event at the Signature Park and the June 8th SHRED event. Betz also said code enforcement would speak at an upcoming BES Board meeting to discuss commercial code enforcement in Cedar Hill.

Watts noted that all board members who were up for reappointment submitted their Board & Commissions applications. Additionally, she said staff was awaiting a timeline for the installation of the traffic signal box art, thanked BES Board members who were able to attend the Library grand opening, and said City Manager Greg Porter announced his retirement effective August 1, 2024.

VII. Adjourn

Middlebrooks motioned to adjourn the meeting. Absent dissent, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.