

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

The Beautification & Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the CHISD Conference Room of the Cedar Hill Government Center. The following Board members were present: Lisa Lathon-Brooks, Patricia Diaz, Stacey DuVal, LaTambra Gibson, Brian Hart, Sylvia Johnson, Robert Largent, Nikita Russell, Dr. Lester Singleton, and Carol Sosebee. Troy Bacon and Terrie Brooks were absent.

The following City staff members were present: Lauren Betz and Marie Watts.

**I. Call meeting to order**

Hart called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. Approve minutes of July 18, 2024 meeting**

Gibson motioned to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 meeting. Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Citizen's Forum**

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

**IV. Election of Chair & Vice Chair**

Nominations for Chair were received. Gibson was nominated by Singleton and was affirmed by Hart and Russell. Diaz self-nominated. Voting was held and Gibson was elected to Chair with 5 votes; Diaz received 3 votes.

Nominations for Vice-Chair were received. Diaz was nominated by Gibson. Johnson was nominated by Singleton and was affirmed by Diaz. Voting was held and Diaz was elected to Vice-Chair with 7 votes; Johnson received 1 vote.

**V. Discuss upcoming Fall Events**

Betz notified the Board of the upcoming fall events. These events included the Fall Planting Party, Country Day on the Hill, Scare on the Square, and Fall Beautification Day.

Gibson requested that Board members wear one of the previous clean-up shirts at the Fall Planting Party. Gibson requested that Country Day on the Hill shifts be limited to 2-hour time slots and that we purchase a spinner for this event. The Board decided not to participate in Scare on the Square. Gibson expressed the desire for the Board to get a group together and participate in the Fall Beautification Day after helping pass out supplies.

**VI. Discuss new BES Board programs and initiatives**

Betz reviewed a presentation on the background of BES Board and previous and current Board initiatives.

Board members were given the opportunity to brainstorm, write down ideas, and provide input on subjects such as: Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy, Air Quality, Waste Reduction, Water Quality and Conservation, Education/Community Garden Lecture Series, Strengthening Partnerships, Outreach, and Communications.

Board members were made aware of a new grant funding opportunity through Keep Texas Beautiful, Our Texas, Our Future Grant. The Board charged Betz to submit applications/projects for the grant under the following categories: Beautification, Recycling, and Litter Prevention.

**VII. Staff Report**

Betz urged the Board to sign up to volunteer at the Fall Planting Party and to begin looking at their schedules for the other fall events. Betz will type up the input provided during the Brainstorming session and will send it out to the Board for review after the meeting along with a copy of the presentation. The Board will discuss the input further at the next meeting.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Singleton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hart seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.