

**CITY OF CEDAR HILL
BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024**

The Beautification & Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the CHISD Training Room of the Cedar Hill Government Center. The following Board members were present: Lisa Lathon-Brooks, Patricia Diaz, Stacey DuVal, LaTambra Gibson, Brian Hart, Robert Largent, Dr. Lester Singleton, Nikita Russell and Carol Sosebee. Sylvia Johnson, Terrie Brooks, and Troy Bacon were absent.

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

I. Call meeting to order

Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. Approve minutes of September 19, 2024 and October 17, 2024 meetings

Hart motioned to approve both of the minutes for the September 19, 2024 and October 17, 2024 meetings. Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen's Forum

Gibson opened the Citizen's Forum. One citizen was present at the meeting. No comments were received. Gibson closed the Citizen's Forum.

IV. Discuss Green Awards and Fall Beautification Day

Foust gave the Board a re-cap on the numbers from Fall Beautification Day. Foust gave a brief overview of the three applications received for the Green Awards. Gibson moved the scoring of the applications to after the discussion of the litter abatement strategies.

V. Discuss litter abatement strategies

Foust informed the Board that at the Council retreat, Council advocated for the five sectors of the city to take ownership: Businesses, churches, neighborhoods, schools, and the City. Council wants to have the Board present at an upcoming briefing session.

Foust reviewed possible litter abatement initiatives/ strategies. Foust discussed the option of rolling the \$1500 from the 2024 Green Awards into a litter abatement incentive program; she discussed options of how

that may look. Board moved to vote on the fund allocation after Green Awards voting was complete.

VI. Discuss BES Board Subcommittees

Board subcommittees broke off and discussed goals and actions items. Gibson informed subcommittees to be ready to present to the Board at the January meeting.

VII. Green Awards Voting and Litter Incentive Voting

Board members scored each application; all 8 voting members that were present submitted completed score cards. One non-voting member submitted comments only. Foust reviewed the scores with the Board.

Sosebee made a motion to award Wise Academy's project the full \$3000 award, Lathon-Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Russell made a motion to offer Next Up Youth Network one of the compost bins purchased by the Board in a previous FY and not consider them for any award funds, Sosebee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Russell made a motion to roll the \$1500 funds remaining from the 2024 Green Awards to be used for the litter abatement incentive program, Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Staff Report

Foust notified the Board that Environmental Services was awarded approximately \$1500 by the Keep Texas Beautiful Our Texas Our Future Grant to build and install 1 plogging station along Red Oak Creek Trail. Foust also notified the Board that the City was awarded two awards from NCTCOG, Air North Texas: 2024 Arlo Ambassador and 2024 Outstanding Outreach.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.