



KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
CITY HALL EAST – CONFERENCE ROOM C, 300 W MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

KGPB Commission Members Present

Brandi Bastas Veronica Crawford Marcela Gonzalez Gregory Hamilton
Ann Stevenson

KGPB Commission Members Absent

Stephanie Brown Darren Ferrar Kevin Jazak Chelsea Pavey

City Staff Present

Amanda Maron – KGPB Coordinator
Rose Chavez – Solid Waste and Recycling Manager

Guests

None

AGENDA ITEMS

Review of Minutes from December 12, 2023 KGPB Commission Meeting – Marcela Gonzalez made a motion to approve the December 12, 2023 minutes as written. Ann Stevenson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Greatest American Cleanup – Amanda Maron shared information about the three-year campaign from Keep America Beautiful that is meant to celebrate the USA’s 250th birthday by reducing litter and increasing community beautification. The campaign was presented to the Public Health Advisory Committee and the city’s participation was supported.

Fundraising and Application Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship – Amanda Maron shared that applications have been open since September and the deadline is March 28th for submitting applications. To increase applications, Amanda searched for 16 to 19 year olds volunteer profiles in Better Impact and invited them to apply. Brandi and Ann volunteered to score applications. Amanda said she would ask Chelsea, who had previously scored applications, if she was interested.

Brandi Bastas continues work on the Silent Auction materials. Donations have been received from the Fort Worth Museum, Botanical Gardens, Chicken N Pickle, Lone Star Park, and Total Wine & More. Ann Stevenson is putting together a gardening gift basket with gift cards from Pat’s Plants and Home Depot. Sara Dedeluk has agreed to complete the auction cards for the event.

KGPB Award Ceremony Updates – Amanda Maron presented the floor plan for the KGPB Volunteer Appreciation Awards including requesting the Commission to assist with the evening. Each awardee will receive two free tickets. Additional tickets will be sold through the Uptown Theater at \$2 each, benefitting the KGPB Scholarship.

Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting – Amanda Maron shared a PowerPoint featuring the Commission financial updates, several volunteer events, and several educational events. Notable items include:

The Commission has \$6,282.49 available in the trust fund.

The 2nd Annual Seed Swap took place in December for the community and in January for City staff. Everyone enjoyed the experience.

Four Adopt-a-Stream cleanups were completed, resulting in the removal of 4,300 pounds of litter and debris by 200 volunteers. Sites included: Cedar Creek at Friendship Park, Primrose Ct., Beacon Branch, Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge, and Johnson Creek.

Garden classes were hosted including a fruit tree pruning class with Susan Henson of Trinity Blacklands Urban Forestry Council, a seed starting class, and a pocket prairies & pollinator gardens class with KGPB Commissioner, Marcela Gonzalez.

Upcoming Events List – A list of upcoming events list was distributed, and Commissioners are invited to ‘Save the Date’ for the KGPB Award Ceremony and Silent Auction taking place on May 2, 2024. The Commission was asked to help host outreach booths at the Farmer’s Market Opening Weekend and the Marty Party. The KTB Annual Conference is virtual this year and invited the Commission the Landfill Conference Room the mornings of June 24th, 25th, and 26th to attend.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandi Bastas adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.