



**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Aaron King called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

**KGPB Commission Members Present**

Brandi Bastas                      Marcela Gonzalez              Aaron King  
Sharon Luman                      Chelsea Pavey                      Ann Stevenson

**KGPB Commission Members Absent**

Jessica Everitt                      Darren Ferrar                      Burke Hall

**City Staff Present**

Amanda Maron – KGPB Coordinator  
Derald Smith – KGPB Crew Leader

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of Minutes from March 2021 Meeting** – Aaron King made a motion to add Aaron King to the ‘KGPB Commission Members Absent’ section of the minutes. Marcela Gonzales seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Marcela Gonzalez made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes as corrected. Chelsea Pavey seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Drive-Through Restaurant Trash Can Requirements Update** –Amanda Maron shared that a draft ordinance was created which went to Savannah Ware for edits. The draft ordinance was scheduled for the May CCDC meeting.

**Community Garden Program Updates** – Amanda Maron shared that there was a Garden Leader Meeting the previous Saturday. Updates from the Garden Leader Meeting included that there are now 12 beds available and 1 row garden space available. Marcela Gonzalez asked if the city was planning to build any new gardens. Amanda Maron shared that Florence Hill Elementary is planning to build a new community garden on their campus that will be open to the public. She also shared that the city is considering a new garden build in the same council district as the Russ Glenn Community Garden. The Russ Glenn Community Garden was closed in 2020 when the church which owned the land decided to sell the property.

**Pocket Prairie and Pocket Pollinator Garden Updates** – Amanda Maron shared that the Solid Waste Division has partnered with the Ag Science and Horticulture pathway educator at South Grand Prairie High School so that the students can grow seedlings for the installation of a Pocket Prairie at the landfill. Expected installation date is in October of 2021. Amanda Maron and Marcela Gonzalez discussed the importance of Pocket Pollinator Gardens with the Commission. Amanda Maron was approached by the

SGP Early College High School Beta Club sponsor who would like to refresh their campus flower beds. There was discussion about adding a Pocket Prairie or Pocket Pollinator Garden for demonstration purposes at the SGPECHS campus. Amanda Maron is planning to offer classes on Pocket Prairie and Pocket Pollinator Gardens once the demonstration gardens have been created.

**KAB 2020 National Litter Survey** – Amanda Maron shared that Keep America Beautiful published the KAB National Litter Survey in 2020. The survey provides information about the ‘state of litter’ in the United States. Cigarette butts continue to be the most common litter on roadways in the U.S. KAB has launched the #152andyou challenge because if everyone picked up 152 pieces of litter on the same day, the United States would be completely litter-free!

**Grand Prairie Annual Litter Survey** – Amanda Maron shared that KGPB must complete a litter survey each year as a requirement to be a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate. Amanda Maron invited the commissioners to join her on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to assist with the annual windshield survey. The Commission suggested that Amanda Maron invite City Council members to participate.

**Planning and Implementing the 2022 KGPB Scholarship** – Marcela Gonzalez opened the conversation by discussing previous fundraising events. The commission discussed fundraising options, changed the award amount to \$750, and updated the scholarship application requirements. The commission would like to host dog and/or cat yoga and a t-shirt design contest with a pre-order only shirt sale fundraiser. The commissioners would like to award the scholarship at the annual KGPB awards.

**Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting** – Amanda Maron shared a PowerPoint featuring several virtual and in-person education classes, Adopt-a-Street volunteer recognition social media posts, Earth Week Celebration social media posts, and the Keep Texas Beautiful Parks and Trails Cleanup Month events.

The education classes featured a virtual Shade Maker tree class and the in-person Spring into Gardening Series with Susan Henson.

Each Earth Week Celebration post included a piece of environmental trivia and a family-friendly hands-on challenge.

The Keep Texas Beautiful Parks and Trails Cleanup Month events were a success. The events took place at Mi Familia Park, Tyre Park, and the Walnut Creek Paddling Trail at Loyd Park. In total, there were 48 volunteers who removed 1,820 pounds of litter and debris.

**Upcoming Events List** – Amanda Maron shared a copy of the upcoming events list. She invited Commissioners the Crawfish Boil, the Grand Prairie annual windshield Litter Survey, and to Hatch Chile Fest. Ann Stevenson, Chelsea Pavey, and Marcela Gonzalez all volunteered to participate in at least one event.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

*Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Aaron King adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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*Amanda Maron*

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