



KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
HABANEROS, 123 E JEFFERSON ST.
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chelsea Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

KGPB Commission Members Present

Stephanie Brown Darren Ferrar Aaron King Chelsea Pavey
Ann Stevenson

KGPB Commission Members Absent

Brandi Bastas Veronica Crawford Jessica Everitt Gregory Hamilton

City Staff Present

Amanda Maron – KGPB Coordinator
Derald Smith – KGPB Crew Leader

Guests

Brandie King Colby Maron

AGENDA ITEMS

Review of Minutes from March 7, 2023 KGPB Commission Meeting – Aaron King made a motion to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes as written. Darren Ferrar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Fundraising Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship – Amanda Maron shared that the silent auction at the KGPB Award Ceremony grossed \$1,180. Upon reviewing the bid sheets, Grand Prairie based entertainment and any kind of food received the most bids. The top three earners were Epic Waters, Chicken N Pickle, and Joe T Garcia’s. She suggested raising the scholarship value to \$1,000 as more than that amount was raised this year. Further discussion will take place at the September 12, 2023 meeting. Ms. Maron also shared that the KGPB Commission store has been updated with additional t-shirt designs. Advertisement postcards for the store were passed out at the Award Ceremony and will continue to be distributed at outreach and volunteer events. Each item purchased on the online store contributed \$10 to the scholarship fund.

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

The Commission has \$6,252.49 available in the trust fund. The 2023 scholarship of \$750 was received by Aylin Bonilla but will not be paid out until August/September.

Grand Prairie participated in the North Central Texas Council of Governments Mayor’s Cleanup Challenge this spring. The event ran March 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023, concurrently with the Keep

America Beautiful Great American Cleanup. Participating cities have until June 30, 2023 to submit event data. City staff participated in the challenge with the Housing and Neighborhood Services team earning lunch with their collection of 380 bags of litter. In total, staff removed 753 bags of litter with a weight of 11,290 pounds. Collection included roadside litter and illegal dumping locations.

The KGPB Green and Clean awards and the scholarship received fewer applications than anticipated. Darren Ferrar inquired about posting opportunities on the digital signs located near the Lynn Creek Park entrance. Digital signs are currently being utilized near Mike Lewis Park and the Grand Prairie Landfill. Ann Stevenson shared that the GPISD Ed Foundation provides \$500 project funding. Adding a monetary award to the Green and Clean awards was suggested.

The Big Event 2023 featured 1,600 volunteers who were able to fulfill over 100 jobs and remove more than 40 tons of debris, creating a cleaner prairie.

The Big Event 2022 was awarded the Beautify Texas Outstanding Program Award from Keep Texas Beautiful. KGPB achieved Gold Star affiliate recognition from KTB and President's Circle recognition from Keep America Beautiful. The Governors Community Achievement Award application was ineligible for placement due to recently winning 1st place in 2020, but still received the Continued Excellence Award for achieving a score of 90 or greater for at least three consecutive years.

The April 29th Community Garden Open House also featured a Plant Swap. About 40 participants fully enjoyed the event.

KGPB was featured in the May edition of the Mayor's Monthly Message. The recording is available on the Grand Prairie YouTube channel.

LKQ partnered with One Tree Planted and KGPB to donate \$5,000 worth of 45-gallon trees which they then planted at Loyd Park. The 15 trees are already creating shade, beauty, and habitat by replacing some of the many trees that were lost in the historic flooding of 2015.

Upcoming Events List – Amanda Maron shared a copy of the upcoming events list. She shared that the Keep America Beautiful Litter Index Survey would be completed on Saturday, July 8th with assistance from Chelsea Pavey and three other community volunteers. She shared that Saturday, September 23rd is the 2nd annual Clean Prairie Fall Sweep. Registration is not yet open, but we will be asking families and groups to register. During registration, the groups will be able to select a medium or hard project and a preferred location. The next Commission meeting will be held on September 12, 2023. It was requested to be held at a restaurant location.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chelsea Pavey adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.