



**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Marcela Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**KGPB Commission Members Present**

Ashley Caballero	Darren Ferrar	Marcela Gonzalez	Burke Hall
Sharon Luman	Chelsea Pavey	Ann Stevenson	

**KGPB Commission Members Absent**

Jessica Everitt                      Aaron King

**City Staff Present**

Dr. Patricia Redfearn – Solid Waste and Recycling Division Manager  
Amanda Maron – KGPB Coordinator  
Derald Smith – KGPB Crew Leader

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2020 Meeting** – Burke Hall made a motion to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes as written. Chelsea Pavey seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Drive-Through Restaurant Trash Can Requirements Update** – Dr. Patricia Redfearn shared that the Drive-Through Restaurant Trash Can initiative was favorably considered by the CCDC. Amanda Maron created a draft ordinance which will go to Savannah Ware for edits before being presented to City Council for discussion and approval.

**Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin and Community Survey Update** – Dr. Patricia Redfearn shared that the North Central Texas Council of Governments had provided streamlined marketing materials for the region which focused on preventing contamination of curbside recycling. One of the featured contaminants was tangles such as blue recycling bags. Tangles cause our MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) to shut down multiple times per day so that they can be cleared, and the equipment can again operate optimally. As of January 1, 2021, Grand Prairie curbside recycling has no longer accepted recyclables in blue bags. Landfill staff has been delivering free green recycling bins to residents that do not have them. Residents can purchase additional or replacement green recycling bins for \$5 at the Landfill. Residents have began asking about rolling carts again. The Solid Waste and Recycling Division mailed out a trash and recycling survey to all 46k Grand Prairie single family homes. The consulting firm said to expect a 2% rate of return for the surveys. Dr. Patricia Redfearn will present the results to the City Council once the survey has ended and City Council will be able to debate a change in service delivery based upon quantitative data.

**Ideas for Promoting the Community Garden Program** – Amanda Maron proposed a 6 week-long social media advertising project of presenting one community garden per week featuring special characteristics of each garden. She also suggested Pipeline ads. Other ideas that were discussed included reaching out to homeschool groups, universities and colleges, schools, and to highlight how the donations of fresh produce help the community.

**KGPB Virtual Awards Ceremony Announcement and Finalization** – Amanda Maron shared that the KGPB Adopt-a-Street lunch has transitioned to a virtual awards ceremony that will include additional award categories: Most recycling by Green Teams, Most produce donations by Community Gardens, Most trash by Adopt-a-Stream groups, and Most bags of trash by Adopt-a-Street groups. She shared that the top three awardees for each category have been asked to create a video about why their program is important. Several commissioners will be assisting with the award ceremony and special guest, Jason Smith from Keep America Beautiful.

**Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting** – Amanda Maron shared a PowerPoint featuring the installation of anti-littering signage, the Dubiski Career High School PPE anti-litter poster contest, Adopt-a-Street group features on Facebook, the Clean Prairie Art Contest, and the installation of a dog waste collection point by Girl Scout Troop 6888. She also shared a copy of the GCAA application that was submitted to Keep Texas Beautiful.

The Anti-litter sign installation on Duncan Perry included two sets of signs stating “Don’t Mess with Texas Means Don’t Litter” as well as the littering ordinance.

Dubiski Career High School hosted a PPE anti-litter contest with a before and after survey completed by students and staff. The posters were printed using project funding from the Green and Clean Campus Program.

Girl Scout Troop 6888 created signage about pet waste and built a container to supply pet owners with upcycled grocery bags to pick up after their pets. The Solid Waste and Recycling Division provided a pet waste bin to be installed with the bag box. The Signs and Markings Crew installed both the bag box and the pet waste bin next to the sidewalk on Polo that runs along a greenbelt that is frequented by dog walkers.

**Upcoming Events List** – Amanda Maron shared a copy of the upcoming events list. She invited Commissioners to the Adopt-a-Stream Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge on March 27<sup>th</sup> and the Adopt-a-Stream with the Trinity Coalition on April 24<sup>th</sup>. She also shared that there was a Compost 101 class on April 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Community Garden virtual meeting.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Marcela Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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