



KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
CITY HALL EAST – CONFERENCE ROOM C, 300 W MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chelsea Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

KGPB Commission Members Present

Darren Ferrar Marcela Gonzalez Kevin Jazak Chelsea Pavey
Jacob Weigand

KGPB Commission Members Absent

Stephanie Brown Gregory Hamilton

City Staff Present

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

Guests

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AGENDA ITEMS

Recognition of Retiring Members and Introduction of New Member – The terms for Veronica Crawford and Ann Stevenson came to a close and Jacob Weigand was appointed. Brandi Bastas chose to resign from the Commission due to other obligations.

Voting for Chairperson and Co-Chairperson – Darren Ferrar made a motion to nominate Marcela Gonzalez for Chairperson. Chelsea Pavey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Marcela Gonzalez made a motion to nominate Chelsea Pavey for Co-Chairperson. Darren Ferrar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review of Minutes from June 11, 2024 KGPB Commission Meeting – Chelsea Pavey made a motion to approve the June 11, 2024 minutes as written. Darren Ferrar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

KGPB Award Ceremony Updates – Amanda Maron announced that the KGPB Volunteer Appreciation Awards will be held on the evening of Thursday, April 10th at the Uptown Theater. She asked that the Commissioners ‘save the date’ and to please be available to assist with the awards either before, during, or after. Marcela Gonzalez and Chelsea Pavey volunteered for the Theme and Décor Subcommittee.

Fundraising and Application Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship – Amanda Maron shared that a silent auction would be held during the awards. Darren Ferrar and Chelsea Pavey

volunteered for the Silent Auction Subcommittee. Marcela Gonzalez requested a QR code to make donating at cleanup events possible.

HEB Our Texas, Our Future Grant through Keep Texas Beautiful – Amanda Maron shared that Grand Prairie was awarded \$2,345 to install a drip irrigation system at the Haven Community Garden Fruit Tree Orchard. The installation will be completed by a vendor and then celebrated with an educational class about the proper utilization of drip irrigation techniques.

National Environmental Education Foundation’s International Paper National Public Lands Day Site Matching Grant – Amanda Maron shared that International Paper chose Grand Prairie for their national Public Lands Day volunteer site. Refreshments, trash bags, personal protective equipment, fence building supplies, plants for the pollinator garden, and more were purchased with the \$2,500 grant to support three projects, Fall Sweep, Day of Service with IP at Bush Community Garden, and the SGPHS JROTC Warrior Battalion annual service project at the Haven Community Garden.

3rd Annual Seed Swap Participation and Needs – Amanda Maron shared that the 3rd annual Seed Swap would be taking place on December 14th and requested assistance to run the event. Marcela Gonzalez and Chelsea Pavey volunteered to assist. Amanda Maron shared that everyone was invited as there were tens of thousands of seed packets available from gifting. Seed packets were donated by Tarrant Area Food Bank, United Charities, Grand Prairie Feed Store, and Pat’s Plants.

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 \$6,632.49 available in the trust fund.

Ten Community Cleanups were completed. Locations include the Vernoy Cemetery, Lockett Community Garden, Walnut Creek Paddling Trail at Loyd Park, Fall Sweep with various locations, PlayGrand Adventures, Great Southwest Nature Park x 2, Bush Community Garden, Haven Community Garden, and North Fish Creek.

Keep America Beautiful partnered with Everde Growers to donate 150 trees to the KGPB program. These trees were gifted to the Community Garden orchards, Community Garden members, and to the community during the October 5th Farmer’s Market.

Garden classes included Building Healthy Soil with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Insects in the Garden with Texas A&M Agrilife, and a Compost 101 class.

Upcoming Events List – A list of upcoming events list was distributed, and Commissioners were invited to attend the events. Monthly gardening classes with special guest Susan Henson, Trinity Blacklands Urban Forestry Council, are scheduled. Many Adopt-a-Stream events are scheduled. Save the date for the annual KGPB Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Marcela Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.