



KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
CITY HALL EAST – CONFERENCE ROOM C, 300 W MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chelsea Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

KGPB Commission Members Present

Brandi Bastas Stephanie Brown Gregory Hamilton Kevin Jazak
Chelsea Pavey

KGPB Commission Members Absent

Veronica Crawford Darren Ferrar Marcela Gonzales Ann Stevenson

City Staff Present

Rose Chavez – Solid Waste and Recycling Manager
Amanda Maron – KGPB Coordinator
Derald Smith – KGPB Crew Leader

Guests

Aaron King Pablo Luna Maria Luna

AGENDA ITEMS

Introductions of New Commission Members – Brandi Bastas has been reappointed. Marcela Gonzales is a new appointment with prior service on the KGPB Commission, and Kevin Jazak has been newly appointed.

Acknowledgement of Retiring Commission Members – Departing Commission members we recognized. Aaron King served for nine years on the KGPB Commission and Jessica Everitt served for six years on the KGPB Commission.

Voting for New Chairperson and Co-Chairperson – Gregory Hamilton made a motion to retain the current Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. Stephanie Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Review of Minutes from June 13, 2023 KGPB Commission Meeting – Brandi Bastas made a motion to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes as written. Stephanie Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Fundraising and Application Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship – The KGPB Scholarship amount has been raised to \$1,000 and the application is currently active. Brandi Bastas made a motion to allow for a second scholarship in the amount of \$750 to be awarded. Stephanie Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Fundraising will take place via silent auction during

the May 2, 2024 KGPB Award Ceremony. Amanda Maron will follow up with the group to create a fundraising committee.

Clean Prairie Fall Sweep Participation and Needs – The Clean Prairie Fall Sweep would be taking place on September 23, 2023 and recruitment for additional volunteer groups is ongoing.

Burbank Gardens Neighborhood “Get Together” and Litter Cleanup Participation and Needs – Several city departments will be hosting a neighborhood “Get Together” for Burbank Gardens with the goal of increasing residents’ knowledge of available city services. The Thursday evening event will be followed by a Saturday morning litter cleanup of Bowles Park and the surrounding streets to encourage residents to come together to benefit their community.

2nd Annual Seed Swap Participation and Needs – The Solid Waste Department will be hosting the 2nd Annual Seed Swap at the Warmack Library on December 9, 2023. Ms. Maron has asked for the Commission to host an outreach booth and for input on vendors to invite to the program.

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 \$5,502.49 available in the trust fund. The 2023 scholarship of \$750 was received by Aylin Bonilla and was paid out in September.

Neighborhood and Volunteer Services has launched the Tool Lending Trailer which provides free landscaping and small project tools for residents to borrow one week at a time.

KGPB had 52 attendees during four gardening classes in the past three months.

KGPB completed the 2023 Litter Index Survey in July. A score of 1.59 was measured with 1 being perfect and 4 being equivalent to an illegal dump in scale. This score was measured by volunteers completing a visual inspection of 60 sections of Grand Prairie roads that were 1 mile in length.

Everde Growers donated 40 peach trees to Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful to be planted in the Community Gardens and in school gardens through the Green and Clean Campus Program.

Marcel Ramos from Dubiski High School was appointed to the Keep Texas Beautiful Youth Texan Ambassadors.

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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chelsea Pavey adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.