



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

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## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Introductions of New Commission Members
2. Acknowledgement of Retiring Commission Members
3. Voting for New Chairperson and Co-Chairperson
4. Review Minutes from June 13, 2023 KGPB Commission Meeting
5. Fundraising and Application Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship
6. Clean Prairie Fall Sweep Participation and Needs
7. Burbank Gardens Neighborhood “Get Together” and Litter Cleanup Participation and Needs
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seed Swap Participation and Needs
9. Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting
10. Upcoming Events List

### **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**

*The Grand Prairie City Hall is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need assistance in participating in this meeting due to a disability as defined under the ADA, please call 972-237-4546 or email [amaron@gptx.org](mailto:amaron@gptx.org) at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting to request an accommodation.*

### *Certification*

*In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Commission agenda was prepared and posted September 8, 2023.*

*Amanda Maron*

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*Amanda Maron*



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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Introductions of New Commission Members  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**  
KGPB Coordinator will introduce the new Commission members.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**  
None



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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Acknowledgement of Retiring Commission Members  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will recognize the retiring Commission members.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Voting for New Chairperson and Co-Chairperson  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

Residing Chairperson will accept nominations for the new Chairperson. After voting, the new Chairperson will resume the meeting and accept nominations for the new Co-Chairperson.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Review Minutes from June 13, 2023 KGPB Commission Meeting  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve

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**ANALYSIS:**

Commissioners will review the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting and then approve them.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



**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
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#### **City Staff Present**

Amanda Maron – KGPB Coordinator  
 Derald Smith – KGPB Crew Leader

#### **Guests**

Brandie King	Colby Maron
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### 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

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> with assistance from Chelsea Pavey and three other community volunteers. She shared that Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.





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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Fundraising and Application Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will share updates from fundraising activities and updates on the application process.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Clean Prairie Fall Sweep Participation and Needs  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will present the Clean Prairie Fall Sweep event and request participation from the Commission.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None

# Clean Prairie Fall Sweep

Item 6.

Calling all community volunteers, business groups, friends, and family to join Clean Prairie and help us make GP litter free at the second annual Clean Prairie Fall Sweep on Saturday, September 23.

Registration will be available through September 18 at [www.gptx.org/cleanprairie](http://www.gptx.org/cleanprairie).

Volunteers will be able to drive-through and pick up their supplies and Clean Prairie t-shirt from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 23 at Veterans Park at 925 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, Tx.

To learn more, please visit [www.gptx.org/cleanprairie](http://www.gptx.org/cleanprairie).

#### Job sites include:

- City Parks
- City Streets
- Litter Hotspots
- Illegal Dumping Sites
- Neighborhoods





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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023

**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron

**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator

**TITLE:** Burbank Gardens Neighborhood “Get Together” and Litter Cleanup Participation and Needs

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will present the Burbank Gardens Neighborhood “Get Together” and Litter Cleanup event and request participation from the Commission.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None

# Clean Prairie Beautification Program

Meet with City staff from Code, Environmental Quality, Housing, and Solid Waste to find out how you can get more involved in your community. There will be raffle prizes, kids activities, hotdogs and chips, and more!

## Get Together

**Tony Shotwell Life Center**  
**October 19, 2023**  
**6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

## Litter Pick Up

**Burbank Gardens**  
**October 21, 2023**  
**9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**





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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seed Swap Participation and Needs  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seed Swap event and request participation from the Commission.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will share a summary of events that have occurred since the June 13, 2023 meeting.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None

# Coordinator's Report

Tuesday, September 12, 2023



# Recent Happenings

- Commission Accounts

Name	Dept	Lawson Unit	Fund	9/30/22 Balance	Rev	Exp	04/30/23 Balance
KGPB Commissions	11	330293	3302	1,814.40	-	-	1,814.40
KGPB Youth Scholarship Fund	11	330493	3304	5,102.49	1,150.00	750.00	6,252.49

- Tool Lending Trailer
- Litter Index Survey
- Garden Workdays & Fruit Tree
- KTB & YTA
- Trash & Recycling Changes



Reporting junk, litter, and debris violations help keep Grand Prairie clean. To report a violation, visit <https://www.gptx.org/Departments/Code-Compliance> #CleanPrairie





DYK Pesticides can affect our watersheds by killing fish and aquatic organisms? Don't apply pesticides before rain and don't use more than recommended. [#LoveWaterLoveLife](#)





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August 28 at 3:00 PM · 🌐



Calling all community volunteers, business groups, friends, and family to join Clean Prairie and help us make GP litter free at the second annual Clean Prairie Fall Sweep on Saturday, September 23. To learn more and register, visit [www.gptx.org/cleanprairie](http://www.gptx.org/cleanprairie). #CleanPrairie

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Item 9.

Borrow tools for free from the City of Grand Prairie through our Tool Lending Program!

Our tool sharing program is a great way to save money and help the environment. You can borrow tools for a variety of projects, including mowing and yard maintenance, tree/shrub trimming, pressure washing, painting, and household fence repair.

View available tool and other information ➡ <https://www.gptx.org/Residents/Tool-Lending-Trailer>

¡Nuestro programa gratuito de préstamo de herramientas ya está abierto!

El programa de préstamo de herramientas es una excelente manera de ahorrar dinero y ayudar al medio ambiente. Puede tomar prestadas herramientas para una variedad de proyectos, que incluyen cortar el césped y mantener el jardín, podar árboles y arbustos, lavar a presión, pintar y reparar cercas domésticas.

Vea herramienta disponible y otra información: <https://www.gptx.org/Residents/Tool-Lending-Trailer>

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# Garden Classes

- Heat Loving Veggies – 17
- Low Water Gardening – 22
- Feed the Pollinators: A Guide to Establishing a Monarch Waystation – 13

# Litter Index Survey & Community Appearance Index

- City-wide Litter Score – 1.59
- City-wide CAI Score – 1.38
- Scoring 1 (excellent!) to 4 (terrible)
- Scored 60 segments; 10 in each council district
- Previous Years
  - 2022 – 1.31
  - 2021 – 1.78
  - 2019 – 1.38

# Community Garden Workdays





# Fruit Tree Pruning – FPC & Daniels

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# Peach Trees



# KTB Conference & YTA

- 2023 KTB Conference was in June in Houston
- 2024 KTB Conference will be virtual, join us!
- Marcel Ramos from Dubiski High School was appointed to the Young Texan Ambassadors





## City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

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Item 9.



The City of Grand Prairie is updating the garbage/recycling pickup schedule to streamline operations and enhance efficiency in waste collection services.

Beginning Monday, October 2, garbage pick-up days will be as follows:

Area 1 (North of Warrior Trail)

Garbage Days: Tuesday, Friday

Area 2 (South of Warrior Trail)

Garbage Days: Monday, Thursday

All recycling will be collected on Wednesdays.

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La ciudad de Grand Prairie está actualizando los días de recolección de basura/reciclaje para agilizar las operaciones y mejorar la eficiencia en los servicios de recolección.

A partir del lunes 2 de octubre, los días de recolección de basura serán los siguientes:

Área 1 (al norte de Warrior Trail)

Días de basura: martes, viernes

Área 2 (al sur de Warrior Trail)

Días de basura: lunes, jueves

Los miércoles se recogerá el reciclaje de toda la ciudad.



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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/2023  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Upcoming Events List  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will share a list of upcoming events hosted by KGPB and related organizations.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None

# Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Events

Updated for September 12, 2023

Item 10.

## Gardening Classes and Events, Registration: [www.gptx.org/calendar](http://www.gptx.org/calendar)

Saturday, September 16	3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Fall Veggie Gardening Tips, Warmack Library, 760 Bardin R
Tuesday, September 19	6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Fall into Gardening: Tips to Grow On Virtual Class
Wednesday, September 20	6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	DIY Rain Barrel Class Virtual Class
Saturday, October 21	3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Compost 101, Warmack Library, 760 Bardin R
Saturday, November 4	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	ShadeMakers, Class 1 of 2 Main Library, 901 Conover
Saturday, November 18	TBA	ShadeMakers, Class 2 of 2 To Be Announced
Saturday, December 9	12 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Seed and Plant Swap, Warmack Library, 760 Bardin R

## Volunteer Opportunities, Info & Registration: <http://btrr.im/i2cc2>

Saturday, September 16	7 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Gateway Community Garden Workday, 2404 N. Carrier Pk
Saturday, September 23	7 a.m. – 12 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Clean Prairie Fall Sweep
Saturday, October 7	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Adopt-a-Stream Walnut Creek Paddling Trail with NTRR Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Rd.
Saturday, October 21	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Clean Prairie Burbank Gardens Litter Pick Up Tony Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St

## Outreach Opportunities, Information: [amaron@gptx.org](mailto:amaron@gptx.org)

Tuesday, September 26	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	GPUC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Volunteer Rally and Senior Job Fair, The Summit, 2975 Esplanade
Thursday, October 19	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Clean Prairie Burbank Gardens “Get Together” Tony Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St
Sunday, October 22	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Howl-O-ween Party Prairie Paws Adoption Center, 2222 W Warrior Trl
Friday, November 3		Arbor Day Celebration, Kirby Creek Park, 3299 Corn Valley

## Meetings, Information: [www.gptx.org/boardsandcommissions](http://www.gptx.org/boardsandcommissions)

Tuesday, December 12	6:00 p.m.	KGPB Commission Meeting, City Hall, 300 W Main St
Tuesday, March 12	6:00 p.m.	KGPB Commission Meeting, City Hall, 300 W Main St

**Save the Date: KGPB Award Ceremony & Silent Auction, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Questions and information: [amaron@gptx.org](mailto:amaron@gptx.org) or 972-237-4546