

**Keep Friendswood Beautiful
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018**

Todd Mendenhall
Paul Marx
Brandee Fernandez
Michael Fernandez
Sherry Goen
Mary Wise
Kaye Corey
Tammy Zurwaski
Rhonda Neel
Kimberly Ramirez, Staff
Mo Kabiri, Assistant City Manager
Trish Hanks, Visitor
Lynn Skigekawa, Visitor

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Discussion/Approval of January 23, 2018 Minutes: Table

3. Communications/Guests: Sherry introduced, Lynn Schakawa and Morad Kabiri on getting KFB's opinion on the location of the artwork that wants to be donated to the City. Lynn handed out information on the artwork. Lynn informed the board on the annual chalk walk raised money to help pay for medical bills for the art teachers husband that was battling cancer. With the remaining funds the groups wanted to donate public art or concept that would be provided to the city. First thought was a bench with an oak tree on it. Lynn stated that in 2014 there were only 14 benches down Friendswood Drive, the next year there was 22, last week there were 35 benches in the downtown area. That is the plan of Friends of Downtown Friendswood an area where people can park and use the benches; Lynn wrote the grant for the artwork on the side of Sherwin Williams. Another art location is at Kwik Car, metal flowers and the other art piece at Friendswood Hardware and the Memorial monument next to City Hall. We have worked on this for the past year. Public art is very difficult because we have a lot to consider. She listed the items that we have to look out for. What we have determined after many months, the art we want to give to the city from Roger Davis, the artwork is "For People" made out of quartin steel. It's a wonderful product and holds up very well. We originally wanted to put the sculpture in front of the park. One is there a lot of vertical components in the front of the park and the electronic sign, these items would interfere with this. Most of the time city hall is green, the grass slopes slightly, which is idea for quartin steel. We can encourage other businesses to add art as well. The city backs public art and hoping other art work would be added to the city. The city can pour the concrete pads for us; the gift is an artwork piece worth \$14,000 we are prepared to make it if you approve it. What kind of questions do you have? Kaye asked how the material is treated. It's not copper so it won't turn green. How is this going to hold up if kids climb on it? Art sparks and encourages imagination.

Sherry stated that KFB is delighted on the artwork added to the city, that people and groups are helping beautify Friendswood. We have looked at some areas we are looking at redoing, like the Fig bed on the corner of Shadwell and Friendswood Dr. To look at the corner and add the sculpture in that area. In talking with the board they stated they would rather have the artwork in the park. Sherry stated that what we experience during holiday times when certain things go in that area. I understand where you're coming from but we just did not feel it should go in front of city hall. We think the park would be the best area and would highlight the sculpture in Stevenson Park. Lynn stated we would have to go back to the group. Sherry stated that there has to be some sort of criteria like the artwork painted on the restrooms and the kind of things that are added to the park. Sherry suggested that other groups would come in and want to add artwork to the park. I appreciate where you're coming from, I think it's awesome but I think we need to look at some criteria. Lynn stated we are ready to pull the trigger on it, and we're ready.

Tyler Sharp presented his power point on the Liberty Tree project, his project is now completed.

Thomas Kidd, he creates t-shirts and wants to raise money and partner with a group. He's selling them for \$20 or \$15. He buys them for \$10 each. He has an online store. Main niche is nature related. He's from Hungary. Turalclothing.com he started 2 weeks ago. Sherry stated we will be in touch.

A. Volunteer Hours: Sherry informed the group to send in their hours.

B. Committee Reports (Oral and Written)

****Executive Committee---Sherry Goen-** Sherry stated their looking at adding new people on subcommittee. Tom has resigned. Paul has agreed to take over the parks committee. We need to discuss Photo contest, and other things for public awareness.

****Keep Texas Beautiful---Susan Stephens-Table**

****Public Awareness---Natasha McAdoo (April 12 Showcase Event)-Table**

****Education—Patty Steinke (Spring Workshop: Audubon Society--May 5—Library-10:00) Table**

****Beautification---Kaye Corey (Butterfly Garden):** Susan and I worked up the grant and submitted to KTB. Kaye designed the bed. Susan and I tried to find a location in Stevenson Park, the wall by the bridge that states Stevenson Park, that's where the bed will go. The bed would cost \$1200. The grant was for a new bed. The Rotary bed needs to be redone and Rotary stated they would help with the beds. Sherry stated that this would be an educational type grant. Kaye stated it was a start.

****Parks—Need Chairperson**

****Environmental Action---Paul Marx (Business Beautification)** The Blue Monkey is gutted from the flood. Paul is waiting to present the award.

C. Median Maintenance—Update from TxDot: Good news, TxDot has agreed to redo all the FM518 medians in August.

D. Keep Friendswood Beautiful

****State of the City Luncheon (Green Event Center—March 8—11:00-1:00):** State of the City, KFB will have a table set up.

****Liberty Tree Update----Eagle Scout Project----Tyler Sharp:** See communications from the public.

**** May 5, 2018, 6:00 pm--KFB Spring Get-Together (Todd Mendenhall)** Kimberly passed around the sign-up sheets

****Affiliate Reporting and KTB Dues:** Waiting on Sally's letter of support before submitting.

****Spring Sparkle Date:** We'll have to approve for the cost of shredding at the next meeting.

****FDFA/Historical Society Front Porch Series—April 20 & 27—**Need Figgy from 6:45-7:15 to greet attendees, Elise, Paul's daughter has agreed to by Figgy

****Art Donation to City of Friendswood:** See communications from the public.

4. New Business: Looking at banners for each season in Stevenson. Katy will design, and will send out to board.

5. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Approved by:

Kimberly Ramirez

Date:

March 27, 2018