

**Keep Friendswood Beautiful
Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2018**

**Susan Stephens
Paul Marx
Tim Anderson
Todd Mendenhall
Kaye Corey
Sherry Goen
Ashley Manshreck, guest
Chiquita Taylor
Shawn Potter
Sally Branson, Council Liaison
Natasha McAdoo
Michael Fernandez
Brandee Fernandez
James Toney, Director of Parks and Recreation
Kimberly Ramirez, Staff
Michael Boyett, Staff
Chris Chism, Guest Little League
Katy Blanchard, Staff
Susie Hand, Guest**

1. Call to Order: Call to order at 6:33pm.

2. Discussion/Approval of April 24, 2018 Minutes: Shawn, Susan

3. Communications/Guests: Chris Chism with Little League brought a presentation on improvements they want to do at the park. The reason for Chris to visit is the look of the park, not happy with the look of the park. There's a lot of area for improvement at the park. Would like to have a 20/20 committee consisting of KFB and the little league board. Front entrance needs to be addressed, information board. Todd suggested hardscapes. Likes the idea of a playground. No irrigation in the common areas. Park closes at 10pm. Sherry suggested to start small, like starting with the entrance let people know it's in the works. Susan suggested to paint the trash cans between the teams. James suggested to have Renwick included in the parks master plan 20/20. City will be looking for funding to fund the Parks Master Plan. Change out the sign. Funding will be coming in for field usage from private lessons that will go back to the park.

A. Volunteer Hours: Sherry informed the board to turn in your hours.

B. Committee Reports (Oral and Written)

****Executive Committee---Sherry Goen:** We're currently working on medians with TxDot, meeting with them on Thursday. We also judged the photo contest.

****Keep Texas Beautiful---Susan Stephens (KTB Updates/Recycling Grant/National**

Planting Day); Grant, Susan applied, educate our new residents to recycle, ongoing education with our residents, we have a pretty good participation rate. I requested \$1,000 and ongoing education, deadline is this Friday,

****Public Awareness---Natasha McAdoo (Photo Contest)** Natasha stated the photo contest has been completed, different criteria, creativity, photo quality and theme. Fireworks won first place, 2nd place was the Spreading oaks street, 3rd place was the Friendswood high school stadium, 164 photos submitted, the contest seems to be growing. Facebook likes went up to 125 within a month, per capita we were pretty high compared to other cities, winners will be announced at June 1st, Earth day at Cline Elementary, Figgy attended as well.

****Education—Patty Steinke (Spring Workshop Update and Bird House Project)** Patty stated the Audubon Society gave the work shop on May 5th, she stated they found a perfect area between Old City Park and Stevenson Park to add bird houses. We have a person that wants to donate bird houses, we'll need to remove the ligustrum, and plant native plants, build chimney sweeps at 1776 park. James stated we need to involve the Galveston county drainage district and the land owner. We can accept bird houses.

****Beautification---Kaye Corey—(Matching Grant)**-Kaye stated that we had 2 submission one from Laurelfeld HOA and Heritage Gardeners rose garden, Kaye spoke about a rose garden that Laurelfeld wants to add, Kaye stated we decided that Heritage gardeners gets the grant this year. Kaye made a motion to award the matching grant to Heritage gardeners, Natasha second the motion and it passed unanimously. Kaye stated she looked at both sites, for that reason, Kaye wants to work with Laurelfeld HOA to plant something else. Sherry encourage Mrs. Hand to reapply.

****Parks—Paul Marx (Parks Master Plan):** Paul stated that we voted to move forward with the parks master plan. James stated that we can look into funds from the parks dedication fund to play for the master plan or go out for a decision package. James stated that the parking lot at the dog park will be ready in a couple months,

****Environmental Action---Michael Fernandez (Business Beautification):** They met with Gimme a Bark to present the quarterly beautification award.

C. Median Maintenance: Fm2351 medians: James stated we are working with a new mowing contractor and having some growing pains. If you see something that's out of whack let Kim know. Todd stated we have a meeting with TX dot and see what changes we can do to the medians. Mrs. Hand suggested to put in native plants.

D. Keep Friendswood Beautiful

****Partnership with Friendswood Little League for Beautification Project at Renwick Park**

****Fig Bed and Art Work in Stevenson:** The art piece is going on Shadwell and FM518, Kaye stated that the ladies that took the fig trees thanked the city for offering the trees. Will add a new fig tree to the historical marker.

****June 1---School's Out for Summer Concert---Vocal Trash---7:00 pm:** We have had several sponsors, Celebrity cruises and Care now. We're going to contact the school district on press release for the event,

****KTB Conference in Georgetown---June 10-13:** Katy won the t-shirt contest from the Day Tripper, KTB knows that Chet will be at the Don't Mess with Texas luncheon,

****Webinar on Native Plants and Grant Application:** Native grant is available in September, want to add butterflies to the other side of the fence,

****New Teacher Gifts:** Need teacher gifts, Katy asked if Natasha's group could think of something for the t-shirts gifts. Need something that is useful, coffee mugs, teacher's emergency kits. Susan made a motion to spend up to \$600 on teacher's gifts, Chiquita second the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

****Butterfly Garden with Plant Labeling: Table**

****Painting of Stevenson Park Fence (both sides): Table**

4. New Business : Stevenson Park Map, Katy informed the board of the new map we're creating that will help with layouts, events apps, signage, memorial trees, parks rentals, something we are needing we are wanting to purchase the digital version of this. Approach FAST, for donations. Susan made a motion to assist with the purchase of the new map, in the amount of \$1000, Paul seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Sally thanked for James for fixing the fountain at Centennial Park.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 8:10pm.

Approved by:

Kimberly Ramirez

Date:

July 24, 2017