

**Keep Friendswood Beautiful
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2018**

Sherry Goen
Todd Mendenhall
Paul Marx
Michael Fernandez
Brandee Fernandez
Kaye Corey
Patty Steinke
Shawn Potter
Natasha McAdoo
Leslie Perlata
Tim Anderson
Katy Blanchard, Staff
Kimberly Ramirez, Staff
Betty Moreno, Guest
Mary Ann Martinez, Guest
Sally Branson, Council Liaison

1. Call to order: Call meeting to order at 6:28pm

2. Discussion/approval May 22, 2018 minutes: Tim made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Natasha second the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Communication/Guest: Sherry welcomed our guest to the meeting.

4. Volunteer Hours: Sherry asked the board members to submit your volunteer hours.

5. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Did not have a meeting we did apply for a grant, Texas Rebuilding Grant and requested \$15,000.

Keep Texas Beautiful: Susan is on vacation, she is working on a native plant grant which will be available in September

Public Awareness/Natasha: Items for the teacher's gift was \$265. Natasha stated the on July 30th from 8-9 need help stuffing the bags. Subcommittee talked about increasing activity on our Facebook page. Will be posting the hottest part of Friendswood on

Facebook. We're going to start working on the Christmas downtown decorating contest.

Education/Patty Steinke: Patty stated Kaye and Susan are on the bird subcommittee, they will talk to GCCDD on removing trees and plants. Will coordinate a meeting next month. Patty wants to purchase some bird houses for the project from Wild Birds Unlimited. We want to put in 3 blue bird houses made of a poly resin material. Will need monitoring, and will be on a pole. Install screech owl houses in the wooded part by the bridge, 20ft in the air. Housing for bats, we're getting 4 units Wild Bird Unlimited will install the blue birdhouses and will advise us on the location of the other houses. Total bid is \$840.42 for all of the houses. We will not be feeding the birds just providing shelter for the birds. Screech owl and bat houses are made out of wood. Patty made a motion to spend \$840.42 to purchase bird housing for Stevenson Park, Natasha second and it was approved unanimously. Chara Back to School event on August 4th.

Beautification/Kaye Corey: Kaye stated that they were asked to develop a plan for a pollinator garden. Susan and I are gearing up for an August meeting. Kaye stated we went to St Julian's crossing, which is a native plant garden which was put on by Lauren Simpson. Lauren is helping them with the project. We are researching the plants and will be doing a power point to present to the board at the August meeting. Heritage gardeners will use the power point as well to recruit volunteers. City will be adding irrigation and electricity for the water feature. It will not be just native plants, they live 2 to 3 months, seed out then will need to be replaced but will need to have other plants in there too. Matching grant, the Heritage Gardeners garden is not completed yet. They need markers and irrigation. Present the check to heritage gardeners at their September meeting.

Painting of Fence in Stevenson: Sherry stated that we would like to paint the other side of the fence to go along with the butterfly theme.

Parks: Table

Renwick Park Project: Table

Environmental Action: need to select a business friends uncorked and firestone, tannos building. Michael made a motion to award Forward Automotive, Natasha second.

Business Beautification: The sign will go up next month to Forward Automotive for the second quarter,

6. Median Maintenance: FM2351 will be cleaned up starting next week. Special touch will no longer be our mowing contract company as of August 6th; Cornerstone will start on August 7th. TxDot will start on the FM518 medians in January.

7. Conference Update: We did go to the conference in June. We want to paint the electrical boxes on FM518, reach out to volunteers. Tree giveaway captures the information, have a map, have them send pictures later on once the tree has grown. Sally would like to go for the scenic city award. Get together and come up with a list of items to adopt and move forward with.

8. Fig Bed and artwork in Stevenson: Tree will be added this fall and artwork will be added in October.

9. Request to partner with Historical Society/Ice cream social: Get together with other groups, approached KFB to help them with that. A bubblicious ice cream, Mayor is going to speak we're going to come together and letting go of Harvey. May require some of you to dip ice cream. First shift is at 2:45 on Labor Day.

10. New Business: Banners for fall, \$1200 Patty made a motion to spend \$1200 for fall banners, Shawn second the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Kaye came up with a good idea to have a binder for each chair, \$175 Patty made a motion, to spend \$175 on binders for subcommittee chairs, Kaye second the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Marketing material will cost \$1,000 Shawn made a motion, to spend \$1000 on new marketing material, Paul second the motion and the motion was approved.

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Approved by:

Kimberly Ramirez

Date:

August 28, 2018