

**Keep Friendswood Beautiful**  
**Minutes**  
**October 27, 2015**

**Board members in attendance**

**Tom Goodwin**  
**Sherry Goodwin**  
**Frank Garza**  
**Natasha McAdoo**  
**Kate Cross**  
**Kaye Corey**  
**Todd Mendenhall**  
**Susan Stephens**  
**Paul Marx**  
**Mary Wise**  
**Martha Cotton**  
**P & Z Liaison Rhonda**  
**James toney**  
**Kimberly Ramirez**  
**Katy Blanchard**  
**Nick Haby**  
**Volunteers**  
**Leslie Perlata**  
**Tammy Zuraski**

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Discussion/approval of September 22, 2015:** Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Susan second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Communications/Guest:** Leslie Perlata introduced herself and informed the board she's interested in volunteering with KFB. She stated that she has lived in Friendswood for 20 years; Tammy Zuraski is a visitor to the meeting and informed the board that she has lived in Friendswood for 10 years.
  - A. **Volunteer Hours:** Sherry informed the board to send volunteer hours to her.
  - B. **Median Maintenance/Fall Plans:** Update on FM518 medians, this is why we have cookies stated Sherry, we have good news. We had a great meeting with txdot representative this week, he presented the plans and the total came in at \$150,000 he has put it all together and with the remaining funds we can extend the landscaping to the Pearland entrance. Sherry informed the board that we are talking about doing the demo in house and starting in January or February 2016. The final drawing will be done in August 2016 and planting will start in September or October. We're reaching out to HOA's to donate the roses and trees. We're going to put the word out and have HOA's pick up the trees or plants the day of demo, the city will not hold or

store these items. Todd asked if the boulders in the medians would be to scale. Sherry stated yes.

### **C. Keep Friendswood Beautiful**

**\*\*Update on 518 TX Dot Grant Project**

**Update on Friendswood Lakes Night Out & Lions Club Presentation on October 26:** Susan, Paul, Sherry and Figgy attended the national night out at the Goddard school and it turned out great.

**Farmers Market KFB booth to giveaway 100 tree seedlings Nov 7:** Farmers Market is on November 7<sup>th</sup>, we're going to give away 100 tree seedlings. The event is from 8am to noon. James stated that the Friends of Downtown Friendswood are having a concert in the park the same day. Martha stated the Friends of Downtown Friendswood is working on a grant. The board will be judging the downtown decorating contest and will award the winner at Santa in the Park. KFB did attend the p & z meeting; Paul did an excellent job in talking about the lights, and suggesting having the same benches and lights throughout the downtown area. Kaye suggested the concrete needs to be the base for the pavers, not sand. We researched it and we wouldn't recommend it. Todd stated P & Z thinks it too expensive to require concrete. Rhonda with P & Z, the design criteria to uniform the aesthetics hasn't been part of the conversation on the base. Rhonda stated she can bring the issue back up. Sherry stated she would appreciate if they could bring that back up. Only hometown bank has concrete, Kaye will take pictures tomorrow and will present. Nick stated that P & z will have a workshop with council; the design criteria are the only items on the agenda which consists of the types of benches, lights and sidewalks. They recommend that they have to go with the exact type of bench, lights and pavers. At that point we can recommend info for an ordinance. Nick invited KFB to attend the meeting on Monday. Todd stated that using concrete will triple the cost and doesn't think it should be mandatory. KFB stated the requirements have to be specific. James stated each project is looked at by city staff; you have to turn in your plans for approval. Todd suggested leaving it as is. Paul will attend the workshop. Sherry requested to have Kimberly send the design criteria to Paul and Kaye.

**Fall Haul:** November 14<sup>th</sup>, Sherry informed the board that they need to be there at 8am, there will be a garage sale and shredder truck, and we'll need as many volunteers as we can.

**Tree Giveaway:** The event is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>

**FHS Recycling Club Report:** Katy stated there's a lot going on with the recycle club right now; they're really short on gloves, their going thru a box a gloves a meeting. I got a quote for gloves for the rest of the year; it cost \$150 for a case of gloves for the remainder of the year. Kaye made a motion to spend \$150 for gloves for the recycle club, Susan second and the motion passed unanimously. Katy stated that she's going to have the kids fundraiser with a bake sale at Santa in the park. Will KFB be ok with having the recycle club have a booth as a fundraiser at Santa in the park; KFB stated they don't have a problem with that. Katy stated that the club is not able to take the plastic to Alvin anymore and their having to dump the plastic at a facility in Ellington field but she has contacted fisd and progressive to

add a recycle container at the high school. Sherry informed the board that she asked the lions club to help with the gloves.

**Update on Public Safety Building beds:** The parks dept. was scheduled to landscape the psb medians bed but they have been pulled off the job for another project, we will contact Corey about landscaping the bed by Thanksgiving.

**Parks Bond:** Tom informed the board that the projects they have worked on like the disc golf course, lighting for centennial but most of their ideas didn't have any teeth to them and thought it would be a great idea to merge with KFB and their mission. Tom stated he appreciates the opportunity and hope council see's it that way. James stated please keep in mind that there is a work session on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> with council. If you guys are able to attend it will be at 5pm. Tom suggested keeping an eye on the park dedication ordinance and the verbiage.

**Restructuring of Keep Friendswood Beautiful:** Sherry stated that Natasha has worked very hard with the restructuring of KFB. It is a good time to get everything in writing she passed out the organization chart. We always want to report with a committee chair on items. Sherry stated the more we get out in the community it becomes imperative that we're talking about the same thing. All we're asking for is a heads up and if something happens in the community we know what's going on. We're going to ask everyone to sign up for at least one committee. Natasha read the description for each subcommittee. Natasha recommended if the board chairs meet an hour before the January meeting to go over the subcommittee responsibilities.

**Executive committee:** Sherry Goen and Susan Stephens

**Public awareness committee:** Natasha and Kate

**Education committee:** Patty will be chairing the education committee James asked what's the group's thoughts on partnering with the Friendswood historical society. They are open to it.

**Beautification committee** Kaye Corey

**Environmental action committee** Paul Marx

**Parks improvements committee** Tom Goodwin

#### **D. Committees**

**Santa in the park:** Todd and Paul chairs, Kimberly informed the group that we are in need of sponsors but the event is 90% complete.

**Beautification award selection:** Paul stated he looked around town and Calvary church looks really nice. Natasha suggested Friendswood children's house.

- E. **New Business:** Kaye suggested removing the rose bush on beamer that's blocking the light. Sherry stated we need badges, Katy will order.

**Heritage gardener meeting Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>:** KFB will present the plaque at their meeting.

Next meeting consideration of changing November meeting on Dec 1 or 8: December 2<sup>nd</sup> for KFB,  
6:30pm

F. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn 7:53 pm.

**Approved by:**

**Kimberly Ramirez**

**Date:**

**December 2, 2015**