

**Keep Friendswood Beautiful
Board Meeting
May 23, 2017**

Board members in attendance

**Sherry Goen
Todd Mendenhall
Shawn Potter
Mary Piwetz
Jeff Smith
Tammy Zurwaski
Susan Stephens
Frank Garza
Tom Goodwin
Kaye Corey
Katie O'Farrell
Linda Rushard, Guest
James Toney, Director of Parks and Recreation
Kimberly Ramirez, Staff**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of April 25, 2017 Minutes: Susan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tammy second the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Communications/Guests

A. Volunteer Hours: Sherry received Jeff's hours, need hours from rest of board.

B. Committee Reports (Oral and Written) Tom is going to check on a clean-up.

****Executive Committee---Sherry Goen:** Committee did meet to discuss some items that we need to put on our radar to qualify for the grant. Adopt a highway; we're looking for a group to adopt an area on FM528, the area near Alvin. She suggested if not adopted by 4th quarter maybe we should (KFB) adopt. Susan will follow up. Landfill diversion, 2 programs have come up, Simple Recycling and the other one is cease the Grease. James informed the group that he met with the school district and informed him that their ongoing to make it mandatory to participate in a service project. Recycling, educational program and any opportunity to reach out to the community.

****Keep Texas Beautiful---Susan Stephens:**

****Public Awareness---Natasha McAdoo---Photo Contest Update:** Photo contest went really well, \$800 worth of prizes. HomeTown Bank, Brassie1828 and Sno Beach. The winning photos are displayed. If you're in any of the sponsors establishments please tell them thank you for participating. Contest

judges, Dana Owen with Fisd, Buzz Crainer, Journal (Retired), Sherry, Susan and Natasha. Social media was up 600% within the past month.

****Education—Patty Steinke:** Patty wasn't in attendance but Sherry informed the group that they were at Mary Queen with Figgy, they were able to get their message out.

****Beautification---Kaye Corey (Rotary Bed Planting and Butterfly Project Updates) 518,** Kaye informed the group there are 3 dead trees at the FM518 medians. James stated theirs an issue with the sprinkler system. Txdot instruct us not to touch anything and wait forTxDot to repair, they are aware of the situation. James stated, theirs year maintenance on the medians. Irrigation repairs are supposed to be done immediately. Matching grant, we did award the Orchard and had a photo op. The library plants are being watched and replaced if needed. Butterfly garden project, looking for other areas in the city to plant milkweed. Met with Rotary, Morad, Kaye and Kimberly to discuss with Barbara Willy a plan on becoming a Monarch Butterfly Gateway. Ms. Willy has written Friendswood into a grant for milkweed and Rotary will purchase the plants but KFB will supply the labor.

****Parks—Tom Goodwin (Parks Master Plan Update):** Tom stated that the OCP engineering is 60% complete. Disc golf, new holes have been added out there and will add signage to the new holes, city will add new tee boxes. BB pavilion is up and going. New trash cans and benches are going out at the lake. WR is done with their bid out process; Tano will be the contractor on the new pavilion. Parks master plan, it's not due til 2020. James has reached out to 2 companies and we have to outsource it or do it in house. As a subcommittee we would like to have a professional company do this. A plan to show into the future, James stated the consultant would talk to parks board subcommittee, staff, public on what's best for the city. Maintenance component which involves staffing. If it gets adopted by council then when we need additional personnel we would able to get them. Sherry asked if we get a bid, and they would create a plan that we would look at and we would make adjustments and be fully engaged in the process. After all of that KFB can make a recommendation to council to adopt the Parks Master Plan. Mary asked what the cost of something like this is; James stated first quote was \$20,000. James stated it would take 9 to 10 months to do this.

****Environmental Action—Paul Marx (Cease the Grease and Composting Workshop Updates) :** Tammy informed the board on Cease the Grease, we were planning on putting it at Willowick, KFB was concerned about the area due to the smell, pest. Tammy talked to Nassau Bay, their process is that they drop off at a PW station, and there isn't a huge amount of participation. In Dallas there is a big program; Dallas hasn't had any vandalism and no other issues. So were back at the same location. How about we promote during Thanksgiving. Tom suggested contacting a restaurant and using their facility. We don't think the demands would be that great. Have it at an area with staff or at an establishment. Getting it out to the public. Recommend that we speak to groups like Lighthouse, restaurants and develop a program and inform the public during the holidays. Sherry asked to put it in writing and present it to the board next month. Compost workshop, 50 people attend, Robert Richard was the speaker, followed by questions. The event went flawlessly.

C. Median Maintenance: See Beautification

D. Keep Friendswood Beautiful

****KTB Awards Update:** KTB awards will be announced tomorrow.

****Keep Texas Beautiful Conference---San Antonio—June 12-14:** 5 of us will be attending. Sherry stated we're going to listen and enjoy this year.

****Stevenson Solar Lights:** James is working with Kaye and a resident on acquiring solar lights will possibly supply the lamp we need.

****School's Out for Summer Concert Update:** Parks did a great job, the event was great.

4. New Business: Simple Recycling. Are we going to do this? Pearland has had success with it. Try a pilot program. Possibly try the Forest, number of homes. 2 subdivisions. Environmental and Education.

5. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved by:

Kimberly Ramirez

Date:

June 27, 2017