

**MINUTES
CITY OF CEDAR HILL
BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2019**

The Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Board met on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Works Department Conference Room of the Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., Cedar Hill, Texas. The following Board members were present: Bernetta Jo Young, Gregory Glover, Brian Hart, Lester Singleton, Sandra McLain, John De Leon, Gerald Malone. The following Board members were absent: Tiffini McGill, Julie Collins. The following City staff members were present: Duy Vu, Environmental Manager. Additional attendees: Kathy Roberts.

I. Call meeting to order

Gregory Glover called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. declaring it was an open meeting with a quorum present and the meeting notice duly posted.

Glover notified the Board that Julie Collins was stepping down as a BES Board member but wanted to stay involved at a limited capacity. Glover suggested having her status changed to Ex-Officio. Duy Vu will contact the City Secretary.

II. Approve minutes of December 20, 2018

Brian Hart motioned for the approval of minutes from December 20, 2018. John De Leon seconded the motion. The minutes for the December 20, 2018 meetings were approved unanimously.

III. New Program Initiatives

The BES Board brain stormed new program initiatives. The following initiatives were discussed:

- Composting
- Changing and/or strengthening building codes
- Move towards more renewables
- Change out paper towel dispensers to hand dryers
- Require beautification for all businesses
- Stricter enforcement of beautification standards
- Compassion projects such as growing flowers
- Encourage drought resistant and native plants
- Push for more water conservation
- Develop an internship program – possible opportunities in volunteer requirements with CHISD
- Have a greater social media presence

- Develop a new neighbor's packet
- Change the slogan
 - Cedar Hill is Keeping It Green
 - Preserve Your Green in Cedar Hill
 - Little City with Big Town Feel
- Stay with litter prevention – the initial premise of the Board was for litter prevention
- More beautification – public art

Lester Singleton suggested to have a BES Board initiative every quarter.

IV. New Business

None

V. City Staff Updates

Duy Vu updated the Board on upcoming events.

- Boards and Commissions Summit January 29
- Next meeting February 21
- Chamber Gala with the Green Awards February 15
- Environmental Collection Days March 9, June 1, September 14, December 14
- Neighborhood Block Party March 2
- ICMA Fellows coming in May
- Rain Barrel Class May 18

VI. Adjourn

Gerald Malone made a motion to adjourn. Sandra McLain seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.