

MINUTES

On December 12th, 2023, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:30 a.m. in the Parks and Recreation Board Room at 509 S. Johnson St. Street, for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Jason Boyett	YES	58	54
Ms. Andi Wardlaw	YES	58	48
Ms. Beth Duke	NO	58	44
Ms. Katt Massey	YES	1	1
Ms. Stephanie Jung	YES	29	25
Ms. Kashion Smith	YES	9	8
Ms. Lauren Hall	NO	20	11
Mr. Matt Morgan	YES	20	17
Mr. Josh Craft	NO	4	2

ATTENDEES:

CINDY PEREZ	BEAUTIFICATION AND PUBLIC ARTS COORDINATOR
MICHAEL KASHUBA	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MEGAN SMITH	RECORDING SECRETARY
COURTNEY WHITE	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

- ITEM 1

Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman, Mr. Jason Boyett, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board to order at 11:32 a.m.
- ITEM 2

Public Forum

No public comments were made.
- ITEM 3

Discuss and Consider Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Matt Morgan, said motion was seconded by Ms. Andi Wardlaw, and a 5-0 vote carried to approve meeting minutes from October 10th, 2023, as written.
- ITEM 4

The Beautification and Public Arts Board will Discuss or Receive Reports on the Following Current Matters or Projects:

4.A.

1.

Mural Grant Applications: Ms. Cindy Perez presented an update on the Mural Grant Applications for 2024. She informed the board that the application period commenced on December 1st and is scheduled to conclude by January 22nd. Ms. Perez highlighted that Blank Spaces has expressed interest, and potential partnerships are in progress.

2.

Clean-up Project Updates: Ms. Perez provided a comprehensive update on the Clean-up Project at Ellwood Park, adopted by Elevate Amarillo. The inaugural clean-up, executed in the quarter, involved 15-20 volunteers who collected approximately seven bags of trash. Additionally, Ms. Perez mentioned that Six Pack Outdoors had planned a clean-up at 9th Street Trails, with a possible postponement due to inclement weather. She reiterated Elevate's commitment to quarterly clean-ups as the minimum requirement for park adoption. The board was also informed of Downtown Lions Clubs adopting Medi Park, and discussions about a business group from Amarillo College adopting Southeast Park. Mr. Kashuba informed board of upcoming marketing initiatives for the program in the coming year.

3.

Art Census: Mr. Kashuba provided an update on the Artist Census Subcommittee during the board meeting, highlighting its transition into an independent process. The oversight of this initiative is no longer under the board's purview. A formal proposal will be presented to the board, seeking the removal of the Artist Census from the Beautification of Public Art Plan. Following the census completion, the board will continue to remain receptive to any relevant information stemming from its findings.

4.

Pollinator Patch/No Mow Update: Ms. Perez informed the board about the planting of six acres of custom, yellow-themed wildflower seeds at Rick Klein North. Other no-mow areas are under consideration, and Ms. Perez expressed the intention to incorporate educational programs such as bee houses and butterfly houses.

5.

Texas Parks & Wildlife: Mr. Kashuba briefed the board on ongoing conversations with Texas Parks & Wildlife aimed at creating habitats with more natural vegetation around lake areas.

6. Art Pads Update: Ms. Perez presented preliminary discussions with the AMTECH Welding class to organize a Welding Art "competition" for art pads. These art pads are situated at various locations throughout the city. Mr. Kashuba mentioned AMTECH's interest in engaging in local competitions with other schools.
7. Rainwater Harvest: Ms. Perez discussed the partnership with the Amarillo Public Library to host a 3-part informational series on Rainwater Harvesting, Smart Irrigation, and Garden Composting. Ms. Perez stated the need for current sponsors on rainwater-related initiatives.
8. Arbor Day Proclamation: Ms. Perez informed the board about the Arbor Day proclamation scheduled for presentation at the City Council meeting on December 12, 2023, at 3:00 PM. She detailed the reforestation project, including the types and quantities of trees planted. The following trees were planted: 12 Bald Cypress, 27 Austrian Black Pine, 20 Burr Oak, 72 Cedar Elm, 17 Golden Rain Tree, 27 Oklahoma Red Bud, 25 Texas Red Oak, and 16 Weeping Willow. Ms. Perez highlighted the potential benefits of being recognized as a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation for future grant opportunities.
9. Art Installation Sub-committee: Mrs. Massey volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Art Installation Sub-committee left by Mr. Boyett.

ITEM 4

B. Update on appointments of new board members, and recognition of outgoing board members.

Mr. Kashuba reported that City Council conducted annual board appointments, welcoming three new members: Katt Massey, Theresa Cruz, and Carrie Rushing. The outgoing members, Andi Wardlow, Jason Boyett, and Sterling McKinney were recognized.

ITEM 5

Discuss Items for Future Agendas

- Review and discuss current and future goals.
- Appoint sub-committees.
- Gateway update.

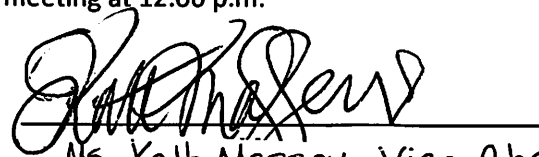
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Adjournment

Mr. Jason Boyett called to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


Samantha Thompson, Recording Secretary


Ms. Katt Massey, Vice Chairman