

MINUTES

On December 9th, 2025, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:30 a.m. in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room at 509 S. Johnson St. Street, for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Matt Morgan	YES	38	33
Ms. Katt Massey	YES	19	14
Ms. Beth Duke	NO	76	54
Ms. Stephanie Jung	YES	46	38
Ms. Kashion Smith	YES	27	23
Mr. Tommie T Knox	YES	9	8
Ms. Shanna Peoples	YES	10	7
Ms. Linda K Allen	NO	9	8

ATTENDEES:

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

ITEM 1 Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman, Mr. Matt Morgan, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board to order at 11:31 a.m.

ITEM 2 Public Forum

No public comments were made.

ITEM 3 Discuss and Consider Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 11th, 2025, meeting minutes as written. The motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

ITEM 4 Regular Meeting Items

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- 1. Tree Giveaway Report:** Mrs. Cindy Perez highlighted that on November 9th, a tree giveaway event successfully distributed 700 trees, including 500 five-gallon trees provided by Phillips 66 and Trees for Texas, and 200 seedlings donated by the Texas A&M Forest Service. The turnout was impressive, stretching from the parking lot all the way to the Sonic on Western. The Texas A&M Forest Service praised Amarillo as their best stop so far, noting the strong local community engagement and enthusiasm. This event demonstrated a significant community commitment to environmental sustainability and tree planting efforts.
- 2. Texas Arbor Day Report:** Mrs. Cindy Perez shared that Arbor Day at the Southwest Library featured the planting of four nursery trees, with notable attendance from Mayor Stanley and Councilman Prescott, underscoring the strong civic support for urban forestry. During the event, Ethan Law from Texas A&M Forestry delivered an educational talk. Overall, the event was a success in promoting both community engagement and environmental awareness.
- 3. Chapman Grant Update:** Mrs. Cindy Perez mentioned that the Chapman Grant is a small grant opportunity, allowing for applications of up to \$2,500. The grant enabled the planting of 15 larger ball and burlap trees at Paramount Park at a 50% discount, which accelerated the park's facelift ahead of schedule. Originally, the project had planned for 15-gallon trees, but a last-minute deal with the nursery allowed for larger trees at a lower cost, improving both the quality and cost efficiency of the project. Looking ahead, the next Chapman grant proposal aims to focus on Thompson Park, with plans to replace aging trees and prevent vacant spots from appearing.
- 4. Art Pad Update:** Mrs. Cindy Perez shared that Mike LeFleur, and another artist collaborated on a sunflower design, using layered Plexiglas to create depth effects, which enhances visual interest and encourages visitor engagement. She informed the board that there are plans to place Raela Ornelas' art pad design at El Alamo Park and Mike LeFleur's artwork at Sam Houston Park. Coordination with park maintenance is currently underway to schedule the installations and public unveiling events, which will include artist recognition plaques. Additionally, Mrs. Perez mentioned that the city is considering

purchasing supplies to create two more art pads. These efforts highlight the city's ongoing commitment to diverse artistic mediums and the enhancement of public art.

5. **Paint in the Park Event:** Mrs. Cindy Perez announced that a "Paint in the Park" event is scheduled for December 16th, featuring guest artist Niara Torres, who designed the winter-themed painting on the event flyer. The event aims to encourage community participation in creative activities. Promotion will be carried out through Facebook and physical handouts to boost attendance and raise awareness within the community. This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to engage residents in local arts and foster a vibrant, creative atmosphere.
6. **Tree Booklet Project:** Mrs. Cindy Perez shared that Dusty McGuire Trust generously donated the copyrights to her tree booklet, which will allow for revisions and updates to the content. She also mentioned that a dedication for Dusty is being planned to honor her contribution. The revised version of the tree booklet is expected to be completed sometime next year.
7. **Mural Grant Application:** Mrs. Cindy Perez reported that the mural grant program remains open until December 31st, although there are no current applications. She anticipates that late submissions will be received and will undergo review by the committee before being presented to the city board for final approval, along with any necessary legal review and City Manager signature.
8. **No Mow Habitat Update:** Mr. Michael Kashuba provided an update on the no-mow habitats project, explaining that a contractor will be working on the project along the trail. The plan is to leave a 5 to 10-foot mowed strip along the edges for visibility, while converting much of the slopes to wildflowers, extending all the way down to the water's edge. The focus will be primarily on the north lake, with wildflowers planted around areas that are not flat, such as around the gazebo and along the trail. To ensure a strong bloom in the spring, the rate of wildflower planting has been doubled. The team plans to start planting in the next couple of weeks, as experts recommend planting in winter to allow the seeds to go through the freeze-thaw process for better success. They will meet on-site with park maintenance and the contractor to begin putting up signs indicating where the planting will take place. The project is expected to be completed by early January, with hopes for a vibrant flush of wildflowers in the spring.

Lastly, Mr. Michael Kashuba also expressed appreciation for Mr. Matt Morgan's service on the board, noting that he would be greatly missed. He thanked Matt for his dedication and for the positive impact he had during his time on the board.

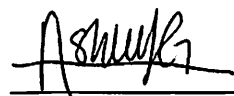
ITEM 5 Discuss Item for Future Agenda

- New chairman
- Route 66 Bridge

ITEM 6 Adjournment: Mr. Matt Morgan adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

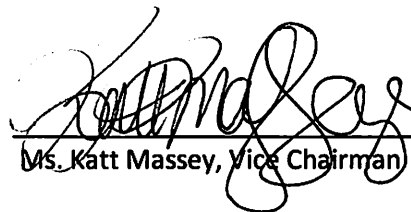
ATTEST:

Ashley Guerrero, Recording Secretary



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Mr. Matt Morgan, Chairman



Ms. Katt Massey, Vice Chairman