

Park Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of February 15, 2023

| PLACE | NAME | P/A | PLACE | NAME | P/A |
|-------|------------------|-----|-------|------------------|-----|
| 1 | Angela Lewallen | P | 6 | *Blake Wyne | P |
| 2 | Elizabeth Flores | P | 7 | *Michael Pope | P |
| 3 | Chery Brennan | P | 8 | Jim Domer | P |
| 4 | Chris Crawford | P | 9 | Elaine Borchardt | A |
| 5 | Julia Sykes | P | | | |

A. Call Meeting to Order and Announce Quorum is Present:

The February Park Board Meeting was called to order by Michael Pope, Park Board Chair at 6:03 p.m.

B. Visitors: none.

C. Approval of Park Board Minutes:

Chery Brennan motioned to approve the Park Board Minutes of the January 11, 2023, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Julia Sykes and the vote was unanimous.

D. New business:

- a. UNT Neighborhood Study and Analysis Report Presentation – Jose Marines, Dr. Lauren Fischer, Dr. Lu Luang

E. Report:

- a. Director’s Report - written
 - b. CIP Coordinator’s Report - written
 - c. Preserve and Greenbelt Manager’s Report - written
 - d. Program’s Manager’s Report - written
 - e. Park Operations and Development Manager’s Report - written
- Volunteer Opportunities - written

F. Round Table:

- Angela Lewallen – Is the data for ARC GIS available for the entire city or just what the study area covered, Jose answers that the data found is only for their study group, he can share the study areas, not the entire city. Was there a part in the study that included street/intersection crossing safety, Jose answers PEQI it did include intersection crossing safety. On the air quality, what influences some days being better than others for example Saturday, Dr. Luang answers that they did not go into depth regarding specific days, but it could be a lack of traffic on a weekend. Roots and wings LLELA event coming up, can we educate the public on tree canopy benefits?
- Elizabeth Flores – Maybe signable would help spread some knowledge along the trails and at the parks where people are walking. Regarding the air quality are we doing anything now because all she is seeing are future plans. Maybe instead of an incentive

there should be penalties. She talks about personal experiences living at an apartment with the triangle and unsafe conditions including a higher commercial traffic making walking and running unsafe in the area. Dr. Fischer is trying to engage with artist to pull the public in and consider them to make signage.

- Chery Brennan – Why on the survey was the tree canopy not important to people, and Dr. Fischer answers that resident engagement just needs to be increased to spread knowledge in the community.
- Chris Crawford – Trees are significantly located with neighborhoods, so maybe they just didn't show up to the parks because it was summertime. TXDOT and HOA control some trees and sidewalks, so how do we go about that. Dr. Fischer answers that TXDOT is not communicative, but with HOA's are easier to work with and easy to communicate with when you offer incentives.
- Julia Sykes – Thanks UNT and Dr. Fischer's team.
- Blake Wyne – The tree canopy map in the triangle should 113 trees and there are so many benefits, if the public does have access to these tables this could increase knowledge and increase the community engagement. A citizen lives North Garden Ridge Trail, the orange part is shrinking and causing a trip hazard.
- Michael Pope – As far as the difference between street trees and personal neighborhood trees, how do we educate the public to plant helpful and native trees? Dr. Fischer answers just starting a conversation and making the information including and interactive website, charts, graphs, and just having data available to the public. Asks Stacie, you want someone to speak at the council meeting? Stacie does want someone on the board to speak on the HIP Plan importance and acceptance. Mike asks who would like to step up? Blake says he will.
- Jim Domer – Because of the freeze a few years ago so many trees died and had to be cut down, he speaks from personal experience. He also asked Dr. Fischer if there was any data to show how many trees were there before the freeze, but she answers that we don't but now with this study we can have one from June 22 – November 22 and continuing to this day. The sidewalks, why isn't all sidewalks ADA accessible? Who oversees that, Jose answers before the federal ADA guideline was developed some old sidewalks would not be covered, just curb access and going forward after the bill was passed everything is or should be up to code. Stacie answers the city is working on changing the old sidewalks up to code.
- Elaine Borchardt – N/A

H. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Chery Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m., was seconded by Blake Wyne and the vote was unanimous.

Stacie Anaya

Stacie Anaya, Director

Michael Pope

Michael Pope, Chair