

Dalworthington Gardens Park Board Meeting Minutes



October 18, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Via Zoom

Present:

Board Members: Tara Cao (Chair), Iashia Bergamini, Ingrid Cooley, Shelly Finnin,
DWG Support Staff: Lola Hazel
Citizen(s): Cathy Stein, Steve Lafferty, David Flores (staff), Anderson Atkins
Absent: Marion Armstrong

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chair, Tara Cao

First Order of Business: Approval of August 2021 Meeting Minutes (Sept Mtg cancelled)

Citizen Comments: Steve will discuss later when the topic comes up on the agenda

Committee/Staff Reports: New POC for Social Media; Lola is still our POC for updating our content; For the maintenance list, we need to clean out flower bed, arbor, mow wildscape.

New Business

- 1. Scouts Project** - Scout member, Anderson, proposed a project about building benchers around the park or near flag pole around November time frame; Cathy mentioned in the past scout did build one in the wooded loop area; PB agreed that it's a good idea but need more details planned out; Iashia volunteered to be the POC to communicate info with Anderson and his parents. Types of benches: Memorial; Happiness word on the bench; Earth Day reminder
- 2. City Staff Event Idea** - David presented idea bout Dog in the Park with Vendors for ideas such as Pet Photography, Pet Food, Dog Spa, Dog Sitter, Pet Adoption; Focus would be on Dogs; Chipping is available; Howl-O-Ween (next year); Cathy mentioned DWG does free tagging; We could mention it in the monthly Newsletter
More signage is needed until the Event(or after) and adding more bag stations in the mean time to communicate to park go-ers about picking up after their pets; better to get the metal bag stations so they would last longer than wooden ones
Maybe one month of communications at the park in the cases when the people are not DWG residences - Will slate in the DWG 2022 event calendar when weather warms up
- 3. Respect Campaign** - Cathy mentioned some of the rocks were taken from the Monarch Garden and recently the Monarch plaque at the entrance; Earlier Freddie's wheel was taken out and buried under the gravel in the playground; Someone

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brought up that people do not clean up after a party at the gazebo or after ball practice; Note to not trample on the garden and stay out of the flower area

Maybe we can ask people to make a deposit when they reserve the gazebo but then it's on a first come first serve basis. Maybe we can draft a Flyer to post

Events:

1. **October:**

23rd - Goodie Bags will be distributed since Trunk or Treat is cancelled due to Covid Cases still happening with young children not being vaccinated and National Night out is cancelled. 21 houses have signed up with 36 kids. Tara will handle.

2. **November:**

6th - Texas Arbor Day. Shelly will create flyers to post in Kiosk to inform park go-ers of the special day. Purpose is to plant, pot, farm trees - they also add privacy

13th - Park Work Day - 9am; We could pull sun flowers at the garden; pull grass at the drainage area; weed the triangle bed; Shelly volunteered to get the weed wrench on Friday from Lola; We would bring mulch bags to use as trash bags; Shelly asked about planting a Texas Star hibiscus at the garden so Cathy will check if it's a good plant to have there.

3. **December - Santa in the Park;** Dec 5th - 3pm -5pm - Tara will ck with Jim Jeffrey and check with Spence for photography that day; Lat year Santa wanted to have nice rope like the one at the movie theater - Maybe we can use gold garland and sticks

Old Business

1. **Budget** - Left over amount for 2021 was spend on 2nd kiosk and signage; Lola will send Tara the new budget for this year Oct 2021 - Sept 2022
2. **Monarch Garden** - Saw two - They are flying south now; Garden club could be present at the Dog in the Park Event - Jill Howard will have ideas; crepe myrtle branches need trimming and Cathy will be adding more mulch;
3. **10 year Plan** - Approved by PB and City Council but more information need to be added such as Objective and Mission like the city's comprehensive plan
4. **Community Grant Process** -It was submitted on time so we will wait to hear back in March. Huge Thank You to lashia's initiative and hard work.
5. **Kiosk Project** - Waiting to hear about delivery since things are delayed everywhere in the community/ country now adays with issues on shortage of labor and material
6. **April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse** - start planning early; although there is an Annular Eclipse on Oct 14, 2023 that we can pre-plan and take notes from before the main one; Need an outline strategy regarding Parking, Traffic, selling solar glasses and t-shirts; Give residences a heads up

Adjourned: 8:05pm