

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE KEEP NORTH RICHLAND HILLS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS,
HELD AT THE NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CITY HALL
4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026**

The Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met for a meeting on the 17th day of March 2026 at 5:45 p.m. in the Neighborhood Services Conference Room.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Kathy Luppy	Chair
Donah Tyner	Place 1
Eric Welborn	Place 3
Mark Seay	Place 4
Charlie Ruiz	Place 5
Bill Whitsett	Place 7

Absent:

Byron Bradford	Place 2
Traci Maze	Alternate

Staff Members:

Kristin James, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were made.

C. ACTION ITEMS

C.1 Approve minutes of the February 17, 2026 Keep NRH Beautiful Meeting

Bill Whitsett motioned to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Donah Tyner. The Commission then approved the minutes unanimously.

D. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

D.1 Discuss Christmas Lighting Awards Program

Chair Kathy Luppy introduced the item and recognized Kristin James to present. Mrs. James stated that the Commission had previously expressed interest in discussing ideas for the future of the program and opened the floor for discussion.

Mrs. Tyner suggested increasing the size of the winner signs for next year, noting that the current signs are difficult to see and that larger signs would help bring more attention to both the winners and the program. Mrs. James stated that larger signs could be ordered for the 2026 contest.

Mrs. James also reminded the Commission that during judging for last year's Christmas Lighting Contest, the idea of adding a People's Choice category had been discussed. She stated that if the Commission wished to move forward with the idea, staff could explore different voting methods. One option discussed was allowing voting through Facebook, similar to the Commission's photo contest, while another option would involve residents submitting a form after visiting the homes in person. The Commission expressed a preference for the second option, as it would encourage residents to view the displays firsthand. Mrs. James stated that she would research available platforms for voting and bring additional information back to the Commission at a future meeting.

Mrs. James also reminded the Commission that the idea of adding Halloween décor awards had previously been suggested and stated that it would be up to the Commission whether they wanted to pursue the program. Chair Luppy, Mrs. Tyner, Mr. Whitsett, Mr. Welborne, and Mr. Seay expressed concerns with implementing the program. The Commission discussed the already busy fall schedule and noted that adding another contest during that time of year would be difficult to manage. Concerns were also raised regarding the subjectivity and difficulty associated with judging Halloween decorations.

D.2 2026 Summer Camp Programming

Chair Luppy introduced Mrs. James to present the item. Mrs. James stated that the Commission is scheduled to host two afternoons of Camp NRH at the NRH Library this summer. While the dates are still being finalized, she noted that this was a good opportunity to begin discussing activities and lesson ideas for the program.

Mrs. James explained that many children attend the camp each year, making it important to introduce new lessons and activities annually to keep participants engaged. She then presented three potential lesson plans titled "Protect Our Water!", "Reduce, Reuse, Grow!", and "Help Our Pollinators!".

D.3 Discuss Classes and Schedule for 2025

Mrs. James presented the following schedule for 2026. She reminded the commission that this calendar was subject to change.

KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, March 17 at 5:45 pm (City Hall)

KNRHB Scholarship Applications Due – Wednesday, April 15

Spring Vegetable Gardening Class – Thursday, April 16 at 5:30 pm (NRH Library)

Sounds of Spring Concert – Desperado (Eagles) – Friday, April 17 at 6:00 pm (City Hall Plaza)

KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, April 21 at 5:45 pm (City Hall) – Review Scholarship Apps

Sounds of Spring Concert – Waterloo (ABBA) – Friday, April 24 at 6:00 pm (City Hall Plaza)

Sounds of Spring Concert – 90 Proof Country – Friday, May 1 at 6:00 pm (City Hall Plaza)
DIY Rainwater Harvesting (Build Your Own Rain Barrel) – Saturday, May 2 (Northfield Park)
Sounds of Spring Concert – Buffett Beach Band – Friday, May 8 at 6:00 pm (City Hall Plaza)
50 Best Native Plants for North Texas Homes Class – Thursday, May 14 at 5:30 pm (Library)
KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, May 19 at 5:45 pm (City Hall)
KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, June 16 at 5:45 pm (City Hall)
KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, July 21 at 5:45 pm (City Hall)
Fall Gardening Seminar – Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 am (Grand Hall @ NRH Centre)
KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, August 18 at 5:45 pm (City Hall)
KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, September 15 at 5:45 pm (City Hall)
2026 Trash Bash – Saturday, September 26 – Details to Come
KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, October 20 at 5:45 pm (City Hall) – Review School Grant Apps.
KNRHB Meeting – Tuesday, November 17 at 5:45 pm (City Hall)
Christmas Light Judging – Sunday December 13 and Monday December 14 (If needed)

Dates TBD

CAMP NRH (x2)
DIY SPRINKLER REPAIR
FALL CLASSES
FALL AT THE HALL

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Kathy Luppy, Chair