

**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
JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met for an on-line meeting on the 19th day of January, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. from the Neighborhood Services Office.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Luppy called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Present:	Kathy Luppy	Chairperson, Place 6
	Amy Hedgecock	Place 1
	Amy Steele	Place 2
	MiShon Landry	Place 4
	Donah Tyner	Place 5
	Brandon Kelley	Place 7

Absent:	Susan Young	Place 3
	Kimberly Johnson	Alternate

Staff Members: Kristin James, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services

B. CITIZENS PRESENTATION

No presentations.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

D. ACTION ITEMS

D.1 Approve minutes of the October 20, 2020 Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission meeting.
Minutes were approved as written.

E. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

E.1 Discuss 2020 Christmas Light Judging

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the judging was done individually by each judge and submitted to Kristin James. Members felt this was more difficult and time consuming than previous years. Suggestions to improve it were made by various members:

- a. Increase the time that a winner has to wait until winning again from 3 years to 5 years. This will be implemented.
- b. A "dashboard" of the contest, containing the nominations and locations will be posted on the website so residents can have better information about the contest. Kristin James will work on this for next year's judging.
- c. Members are asked to think about any other changes to the procedures, which will be discussed at a future meeting.

E.2 Update on the Common Grounds Community Garden

Kristin James advised the Commission that the Church that hosts the Community Garden is for sale and the contract that the City had with them is no longer valid. They have asked that no preparation be done for spring planting. The Parks Dept. and other City personnel are looking into options. No decisions have been made yet.

E.3 Discuss 2021 Governor's Community Achievement Award Application

Kristin James advised the Commission that the application is due in March and there are not a lot of changes from last year's application. The area of concern is the area of outreach to students, which is less this year due to the Pandemic. She will have a draft of the application ready for review at the February meeting.

E.4 Discuss 2021 Keep Texas Beautiful Recognition Status

Kristin James told the members that the application has been completed and she is currently awaiting a letter from the Mayor to accompany it.


E.5 Discuss ideas for 1021 events and activities.

Suggestions made by members, which will be discussed at a later meeting, included:

- a. Sending a questionnaire to students asking them how they can affect the Community during the Pandemic. A packet would need to be created to send to the principals.
- b. Sending a survey to students asking them what they have been doing for the environment during the Covid-19 situation. These could probably be done by the end of April or May.
- c. Set up a contest whereby a teacher would nominate a student to be recognized for their work in the Community and for the environment. Could be set up to recognize an adult, too.
- d. A new program called Trash Free Texas has been created which is like a statewide Adopt-a-Spot program. Cities submit their locations that have been adopted and they are displayed on the group's website. It was decided that KNRHB would participate.
- e. Environmental Essay contest was suggested.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Luppy, President, adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.


Kathy Luppy, Chairperson