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Present: Robert Bruns, Chairperson
Jim Dobbins, Vice-Chairperson
Daphne Dean, Board Member
Dr. Shibu Samuel, Board Member
Betty Roberts, Board Member
Kim Everett, Board Member
Ken Risser, Board Member
Lauren Bruns, Board Member

Absent: Vacant, Board Member

Staff Present: Uriel Villalpando, Sanitation Director
Os Rodriguez, Sanitation Administrator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the October 11, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Testimony may be held until the item is considered or given at the beginning of any committee meeting. Invited testimony may also occur at any time, subject to a request of the Member of the Committee and with the approval of the Committee Chairperson.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Environmental and Community Advisory Board members will nominate and vote on a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Board member Jim Dobbins nominated Bob Bruns for Chairperson, and the motion was seconded by board member Dr. Shibu Samuel. Bob Bruns was re-elected unanimously as chairperson. Board member Betty Roberts nominated Jim Dobbins for vice chairperson, and the motion was seconded by Daphne Dean. Jim Dobbins was re-elected unanimously as vice chairperson for the upcoming term.

b. Discuss Bylaws

Environmental and Community Advisory Board members will review and discuss current bylaws.

The board discussed several components of the bylaws including meeting frequency and attendance requirements for board members. Upon completion of the discussion, the board unanimously voted to replace the monthly meetings with quarterly meetings, with the next meeting being in June. The other change made to the Bylaws was the implementation of attendance requirements for board members. Going forward, board members will be required to attend at least 3 meetings per year.

c. Keep Garland Beautiful Updates

Environmental and Community Advisory Board member Betty Roberts will brief the board on activities related to recognition for environmental achievements.

Board member Betty Roberts spoke about several events including Adopt a Highway, the pollinator garden, and the Duck Creek cleanup. Betty also acknowledged the International Leadership of Texas High School for their volunteer efforts in the past. Betty also mentioned the upcoming Earth Day events being sponsored by the City of Garland and the City of Rowlett.

d. Community Involvement

Environmental and Community Advisory Board member Kenneth Risser will provide an update on community involvement.

Betty Roberts will be recognizing former ECAB member Robert Kaa for his community involvement, and board member Ken Risser mentioned other upcoming community events like the Shores of Wellington Annual Greenbelt clean up on March 23rd. Mr. Risser also briefed the board on the composting class sponsored and facilitated by Garland Sanitation staff, and the Earth Day celebration to be held at the Atrium in April. Mr. Risser also briefed the board on the upcoming two-year anniversary celebration of the Garland Animal Shelter, which will take place on Saturday, April 13th, 2024.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

Submitted By:

Bob Bruns, Chair

Uriel Villalpando, Staff Liason