

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, V.T.C.A., Government Code, and the March 16, 2020 proclamation issued by Governor Greg Abbott suspending various provisions of Chapter 551, V.T.C.A., Government Code, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the **Citizens Environmental Committee** of the City of Arlington, Texas, to be held by telephone in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of COVID-19 on the 21st day of October, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All members of the Citizens Environmental Committee will join by phone. This meeting is accessible by calling toll-free (833) 268-8354; Conference ID 131 242 638#. Members of the public who wish to speak on a listed agenda item will be placed in a queue and asked for their comments at the appropriate time over the phone.

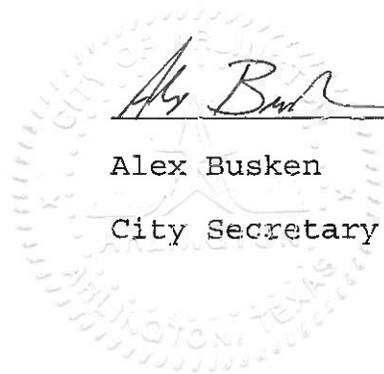
The subject of said meeting is contained in the agenda for said meeting which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

This notice was posted on the 15th day of October, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.



Alex Busken

City Secretary



CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: 10/21/2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Telephone Conference

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Item	Facilitator
❖ Call to Order	Committee Chair
❖ Recognition of Visitors	Committee Chair
❖ Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes	Committee Chair
❖ Tree Canopy Discussion and Recommendations	Committee Chair
❖ 2021 Work Plan Discussion	Committee Chair
❖ Next Meeting – January 20, 2021	Staff Liaison
❖ Other Business	Committee Chair/Staff Liaison
❖ Adjournment	Committee Chair

CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 16, 2020

Call to order: 6:02 p.m.

Facilitator: Nina Sherer, Staff Liaison

The Citizens Environmental Committee (CEC) of the City of Arlington, Texas, convened in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 via teleconference. The meeting was held via teleconference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of COVID-19. The meeting was accessible by calling toll free (833) 268-8354, Conference ID 836 482 564#. Notice of said meeting having been posted as prescribed by V.T.C.A. Government Code, Chapter 551, conducting the following activities, to wit:

Committee Members

Present	Apologies
Julie Hunt, Chair	Drew Brock
Ranjana Bhandari	Val Gibson
Wayne Halliburton	
Sparkle Harris	
Kathryn Mitchell	
Glenn Troutman	
Sally Wright	
Idalina Yoakum	

Guest Speakers

None

Recognition of Visitors

No visitors were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the committee. Committee Chairperson Julie Hunt pointed out the need to amend the date of the last meeting referenced in the opening paragraph from May 20, 2020 to August 19, 2020. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Committee Member Glenn Troutman and seconded by Committee Member Ranjana Bhandari. All present voted in favor; the amended minutes were approved 8-0.

Discussion of Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Tree Canopy Discussion and Recommendations

The committee engaged in discussion of the twenty-three tree canopy recommendations and continued to modify the initial recommendations based that discussion.

Agenda Item 2: FY21 Meeting Schedule

The committee members selected the following dates for FY21 meetings:

2020

October 21

2021

January 20
February 17
April 21
May 19
August 18
September 15

New or Other Business/Announcements

Staff Liaison, Nina Sherer, informed the group of the need to complete new member orientation, training requirements, and signing the Oath of Office and Anti-Bribery Statements as needed. Committee members were informed that proof of completion of all items must be submitted to the CEC Staff Liaison no later than September 18, 2020.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 | 6 p.m.

Staff Liaison Nina Sherer informed the CEC members that the meeting format and location would be dependent on social distancing guidelines in place at the time of the next scheduled meeting. If permitted, the meeting will take place at City Hall. If social distancing guidelines are still in place, the meeting will be held via teleconference.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:38 p.m. by Committee Chairperson Julie Hunt and seconded by Committee Member Kathryn Mitchell. All present voted in favor; the motion was approved unanimously.

Endorsement of Chair

These minutes are approved and signed into the record by the chair (or chair by proxy) on the **21st** day of **October 2020**.

Signature

	Recommendation (08/16/20)	Recommendation (08/16/20)	Council Priority	Committee Questions/Comments	Next Steps
1	Incorporate providing educational materials in multiple languages for Arlington residents, i.e. Spanish, Vietnamese	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods Support Our Youth and Families		
2	Incorporate tree canopy education and educational resources into stormwater education presentations	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods Support Our Youth and Families		
3	Investigate commercial partnerships for tree planting	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
4	Establish guidelines to protect existing trees within the City of Arlington	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
5	Investigate using floodplain buyout properties for tree plantings	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
6	Create partnership with AISD to develop/promote tree education in curriculum	Create partnerships with AISD, HEBISD, and MISD to develop/promote tree education in curriculum and tree planting on school properties	Champion Great Neighborhoods Support Our Youth and Families		
7	Provide sapling to each first grader in AISD	Removed	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	Develop strategy or heritage program focusing on the preservation of large trees	No change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		

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9	Revise the allocation of funds collected through the City's tree replacement fee to include residential properties in addition to medians, parks, or other public property	Revise the allocation of funds collected through the City's tree replacement fee to include community groups' properties in addition to medians, parks, or other public property	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
10	Offer a tree giveaway program as part of future Earth Day activities	Increase awareness of tree giveaway opportunities by partnering with additional community events and businesses to promote and expand reach of existing tree giveaway programs	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
11	Reach out to local colleges to gauge interest in developing tree education/preservation programs.	Reach out to local colleges to gauge interest in developing tree education, preservation, and planting programs.	Champion Great Neighborhoods Support Our Youth and Families		
12	Increase tree replacement fee to bring amount in line with neighboring cities' fees	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
13	Establish guidelines for tree preservation during development of AISD properties	Support revising and strengthening of the guidelines regarding the preservation of trees during the development of all properties within the City of Arlington	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
14	Expand Leaf Recycling Program	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
15	Develop list of trees that are appropriate for Arlington soils and those that provide the most benefit to the City's natural environment	Develop a list of trees that are appropriate for Arlington soils and those that provide the most benefit to the City's natural environment and make the list available to the public on the City's website	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
16	Develop guidelines to follow-up with new developments to ensure the preservation of trees planted during the development process	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		

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17	Establish an education and preservation program that focuses on young growing trees	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods Support Our Youth and Families		
18	Determine the value of incorporating trees in the design of street and sidewalk rebuild projects	Develop appropriate methods of incorporating trees in the design of street and sidewalk rebuild projects to maximize the benefits of an increased tree canopy while minimizing long-term effects	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
19	Engage the Texas Tree Foundation for guidance to leverage public and private partnerships	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
20	Increase education efforts regarding proper watering methods during drought conditions	Increase education efforts regarding proper watering methods for trees during normal and drought conditions	Champion Great Neighborhoods Support Our Youth and Families		
21	Highlight the residential utility cost savings associated with a vibrant tree canopy	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods Support Our Youth and Families		
22	Designate a specified canopy goal as a metric for measuring success	Designate a specified tree canopy goal of 30%, as recommended by the Arbor Day Foundation, by 2030 as a metric for measuring success	Champion Great Neighborhoods		
23	Integrate flood control and erosion mitigation into stated benefits of trees	No Change	Champion Great Neighborhoods		