



Agenda

City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board Meeting August 23, 2016

7:00 PM

City Hall - 665 Country Club Road – Lucas, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City of Lucas Parks & Open Space Board Meeting will be held on August 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas at which time the following agenda will be discussed. As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Parks & Open Space Board may convene into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any item on the agenda at any time during the meeting.

Call to Order

- Roll Call
- Determination of Quorum
- Reminder to turn off or silence cell phones
- Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Agenda

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the July 26, 2016 Parks and Open Space Board regular meeting. (City Secretary Stacy Henderson)
2. Discuss an application for a grant with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant Program. (Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn)
3. Discuss Scarecrow Contest poster and website details associated with the 2016 Scarecrow Contest. (Parks Board Member Ken Patterson, City Secretary Stacy Henderson)
4. Discuss Keep Lucas Beautiful possible programs and projects (Parks Board Member Valerie Turnbow)
5. Adjournment.

Certification

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board at Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, TX 75002-7651 and on the City's website at www.lucastexas.us by 5:00 p.m. on or before August 19, 2016.

Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

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City of Lucas

Parks and Open Space Board Request

August 23, 2016

Requester: City Secretary Stacy Henderson

Agenda Item:

Consider approval of the minutes of the July 26, 2016 Parks and Open Space Board regular meeting.

Background Information:

N/A

Attachments/Supporting Documentation:

1. Minutes of the July 26, 2016 Parks and Open Space Board regular meeting.

Budget/Financial Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Motion:

I move to approve/deny the minutes of the July 26, 2016 Parks and Open Space Board regular meeting.



Parks and Open Space Board Meeting
July 26, 2016
7:00 p.m.
City Hall – 665 Country Club Road
Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Rhoads called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present:

Chairman David Rhoads
Vice Chairman Chris Vanhorn
Member Kenneth Patterson
Member Brenda Rizos
Alternate Member Bill Esposito

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
City Secretary Stacy Henderson

Members Absent:

Member Valerie Turnbow
Alternate Member Amber Patteson

City Council Liaison:

Councilmember Tim Baney

Chairman Rhoads determined that a Quorum was present and reminded all in attendance to silence their cell phones. The Board conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Rhoads noted that Alternate Member Bill Esposito would be seated as a voting member.

Regular Agenda

- 1. Consider approval of the minutes of the June 28, 2016 Parks and Open Space Board regular meeting.**

***MOTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Rizos, seconded by Mr. Esposito to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.*

- 2. Discuss applying for a grant with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant Program.**

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn discussed details associated with applying for the grant program such as creating partnerships with Collin County Parks Program, materials needed for the trail, and acquiring land for trailheads.

Mr. Hilbourn stated that as part of the master plan trails projects there were two trailheads proposed; a proposed trailhead at E. Winningkoff Road in which a grant has been applied for in July

2016 through the Collin County Parks and Open Space Grant Program; and the second proposed trailhead along the southern portion of the trail that will be applied for at a later date.

Mr. Hilbourn stated that as part of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant Application, there would be three phases: 1) from the Hunt property to Willow Springs Middle School; 2) from Willow Springs Middle School to Lovejoy High School; and 3) from Lovejoy High School to E. Winningkoff Road.

The Parks Board discussed identifying easements, trail markers, septic system needs, obtaining a survey of the trail, and costs associated with items for the trail such as acquiring land, construction of restrooms and trailhead costs.

City Manager Joni Clarke suggested creating a plan that outlines each phase, items needed and costs associated with each phase.

Vice Chairman Vanhorn stated he would create an outlined plan of items needed for staff.

Parks Board members discussed the areas they would be researching for the plan. They were as follows:

- Trailheads - Bill Esposito and Brenda Rizos
- Trail markers - Chairman Rhoads and Ken Patterson
- Labor and Equipment- Vice Chairman Vanhorn
- Water crossing/materials needed for flood zone areas; mountain biking needs assessment - Valerie Turnbow and Amber Patteson
- Brenda Rizos - low water crossings

There was no formal action taken on this item.

3. Discuss advertising details associated with the 2016 Scarecrow Contest.

Mr. Patterson reviewed the scarecrow entries from 2015 and stated that he would like to continue advertising in the Lucas Leader for the contest. He discussed prize money for the winners of each category consisting of \$40 for 1st place, \$25 for 2nd place, and \$10 for 3rd place.

Mr. Patterson suggested at the August Parks Board meeting, the Board review the posters to be distributed and scarecrow webpages from the City's website.

The Parks Board also discussed having registration end on October 9 and judging begin October 11 through the 16 to allow additional time for participants. The Board also discussed having the Mayor and Mr. Patterson distribute awards to the winning participants at the Founders Day event on October 22, 2016.

4. Discuss Keep Lucas Beautiful possible programs and projects.

Chairman Rhoads stated that this item was brought before the board by Ms. Turnbow and due to her absence, it would be continued to their August 23, 2016 Parks and Open Space Board meeting.

5. Adjournment.

*MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Rizos, seconded by Mr. Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.
The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.*

David Rhoads, Chairman

ATTEST:

Stacy Henderson, City Secretary



City of Lucas

Parks and Open Space Board Request

August 23, 2016

Requester: Development Services Director Joseph Hilbourn

Agenda Item:

Discuss an application for a grant with the Texas Department of Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant Program.

Background Information:

Staff and the Parks Board has been working on a grant application for equestrian and hiking trails in the city that will eventually connect with Trinity Trails through the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant application board. We have identified three phases of trails, and two phases of trail heads for the project.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation:

1. Phasing Map - Trails and Trail Heads
2. Cost estimates Phase 1 Trails
3. Cost estimate of all phases of construction
4. Copy of parks grant application
5. Examples of sign posts, mile markers and low water crossings

Budget/Financial Impact:

Eventually the City would be responsible for a match as part of the grant application, based on early estimates that will be approximately \$17,000, as we go through the process we will be able to identify an exact number once all estimates are complete and the board is satisfied with the improvements proposed for the trails system.

Recommendation:

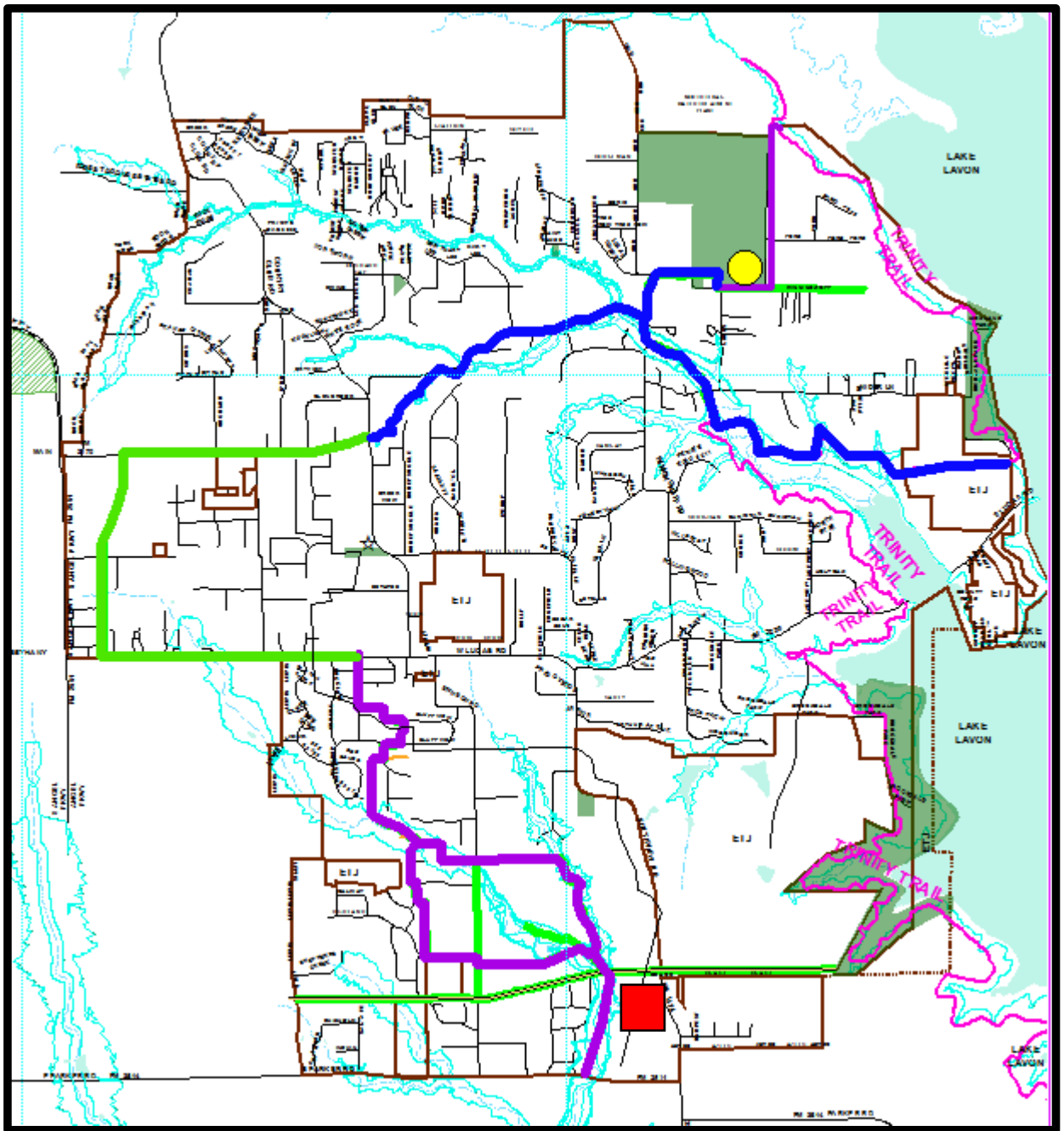
Feedback on the progression of the parks grant application.



Motion:

N/A.

Phasing Map

Trails and Trail Heads



- Trail Phase 1 
- Trail Phase 2 
- Trail Phase 3 

- Trailhead 1 
- Trailhead 2 

Estimated Cost - Phase 1
TPWD Park and Trail Grant

Signs & Trail Markers	\$3,928.45	Trail Markers, Signs and Installation tools
Surveying	\$25,000.00	includes depiction and staking trail
Low water Crossings	\$13,000.00	5 Low water crossings @ 2600.00 each
Easment Acquisition	\$12,000.00	waiting on estimate
Brush Clearing	\$31,500.00	3 men @ 2100.00 per day for 15 days
Total	\$85,428.45	

Cost estimates for Trails, 3 phases of Trails and 2 phases of Trail Heads

Phase 1 Trail, \$85,000

Phase 2 Trail, \$ 45,000, Expense will be mostly surveying and trail markers.

Phase 3 Trail, \$200,000, majority of expense will be easement acquisition and surveying

Trail Head 1 on E. Winningkoff Road, \$240,000

- \$120,000 paid for land, parks grant of \$109,000, matching funds \$11,000

Trail Head 2, on Hunt property

- Estimated at \$240,000, \$120,000 for land and the \$120,000 will be for improvements.

Recreational Trails Application

SAVE YOUR PROGRESS

While working on your application, save your progress often by selecting "SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING". Once saved, you can return to the main screen by selecting the "BACK TO SUBMISSION" button in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Application Checklist

Prior to beginning this application, you may find it helpful to review the Recreational Trails Grant Application Checklist

Project Name:

Sponsor Name:

City:

County:

- 001 Anderson
- 002 Andrews
- 003 Angelina
- 004 Aransas
- 005 Archer
- 006 Armstrong
- 007 Atascosa
- 008 Austin
- 009 Bailey

- 010 Bandera
- ... 233 additional choices hidden ...
- 245 Willacy
- 246 Williamson
- 247 Wilson
- 248 Winkler
- 249 Wise
- 250 Wood
- 251 Yoakum
- 252 Young
- 253 Zapata
- 254 Zavala

Sponsoring Entity

Contact Person

Title

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Phone Number

Intended Uses

- Motorized Use
- Non-Motorzied Use
- Both

Types of Use

Check all that apply

- Bicycling
- Equestrian
- Motorcycles
- Wheelchairs
- Mountain Bicycling
- Jogging/Running
- Four-wheel Drive Vehicles
- Provisions for Disabilities
- Hiking/Walking
- Skating/Skateboarding
- All Terrain Vehicles
- Other _____

Project Length

Please state the length of the Project Trail in length or miles

Is the intended Project for new trail construction, renovation of an existing trail or for other amenities/infrastructure?

- New Trail
- Renovation of Existing Trail
- Both New Trail and Renovation of Existing Trail
- Other Amenities/Infrastructure (bathrooms, parking lots, trail signage)

New Trail Construction

Provide the length of the trail and designate whether the length given is in miles or feet

Renovation of Existing Trail

Provide the length of the trail and designate whether the length given is in miles or feet

Other Amenities / Infrastructure

Please identify the other amenities / infrastructure you wish to have considered

Grant Funds Requested:

In whole dollars

Description of Project

Please provide a clear and concise description of the proposed Project. Include a description of the trail length, width, surfacing, and configuration (loop, linear, network); trailhead and trailside amenities. Detail all work to be performed; any right-of-way or easements to be acquired; the relationship between Project and any other work planned or existing; partnerships and/or community involvement; and educational/interpretive aspects of the Project.

Itemized Budget

Provide an itemized list of all activities to be undertaken and the cost of each activity. Provide as much detail as possible (consider materials: surfacing, lumber, stones, etc; volunteer or paid labor, services contracts, equipment/tool rental and/or value of in-house, land acquisition; Professional Services e.g. design, engineering, or architectural surveys) Costs are limited to 12% of the total grant construction estimate amount. Environmental survey costs (e.g. limited to 12% of the total grant construction estimate amount. Environmental surveys costs (e.g. natural and cultural resource site assessments) may be considered above the 12% professional services limit on a case-by case basis. Sponsor's administrative costs cannot be included. Please contact us with questions for clarification

Project Costs and Requested Funds

Total Itemized Project Costs

From Itemized Budget

Federal Funds Requested

80% or less (should match total Grant Funds Requested listed above)

Local Match Required

20% or more (of total Project Cost)

Proposed Method of Financing Sponsor's Share

Please describe the source of funds, donations, or in-kind contributions that will make up the Sponsor's match (at least 20%) You may include government appropriations; private donations of land, easement, cash, labor, materials and equipment; or in-house labor, equipment and materials:

Maintenance

Briefly describe the identified commitment to continued operation and maintenance of the Project. Please indicate who will be responsible for which tasks and who will finance them:

Project Use and Benefits

Provide a brief description of the benefits of the proposed project in terms of the project's quality, geographic scope, recreational needs that are to be met and expected amount of trail use or population to be served:

Trail Corridor Information

Describe the ownership of the trail corridor. If the land is currently in public hands, identify the name of the public land. If the land is not in the sponsor's ownership, include a statement of permission to construct trail project from the landowner. If land, easement, or other property interest will be acquired, describe how this will be accomplished. If acquisition in fee, include a statement of why easement was not possible.

Project Location

City

County

- 001 Anderson
- 002 Andrews
- 003 Angelina
- 004 Aransas
- 005 Archer
- 006 Armstrong
- 007 Atascosa
- 008 Austin
- 009 Bailey
- 010 Bandera
- ... 234 additional choices hidden ...
- 246 Williamson

- 247 Wilson
- 248 Winkler
- 249 Wise
- 250 Wood
- 251 Yoakum
- 252 Young
- 253 Zapata
- 254 Zavala
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Site Map

Upload a Site Map locating the trail for orientation purposes. The trail drawn on a park map or city map will suffice.

USGS Topographic Map

Upload a U.S.G.S. topographic map (7.5 minute series) with the trail location drawn on map. An 8.5 x 11 inch copy of the portion of the map on which the project is located will suffice, but write the name of the quadrangle on the copy. For assistance with Topographic Maps, please [click here](#)

Photographs of Project Site

Upload Photographs of the Project Site.

Supporting Documentation

Upload any relevant supporting documentation:

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Please remember that once you have a complete application, you must choose "SUBMIT" below for your application to be turned into Recreation Grants for review. You will receive an email confirmation of your submission. Paper copies of the application will not be accepted.



Prices

\$87.15	5 - 9
\$80.85	10 or more

[MMKR8 - Mile Marker Post - 8' Recycled Plastic \(blank - no text\)](#)



Prices

\$7.45	each
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[MMRK-LN - Letter & Number Engraving for Plastic Mile Marker Posts](#)



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Letter & Number Decals



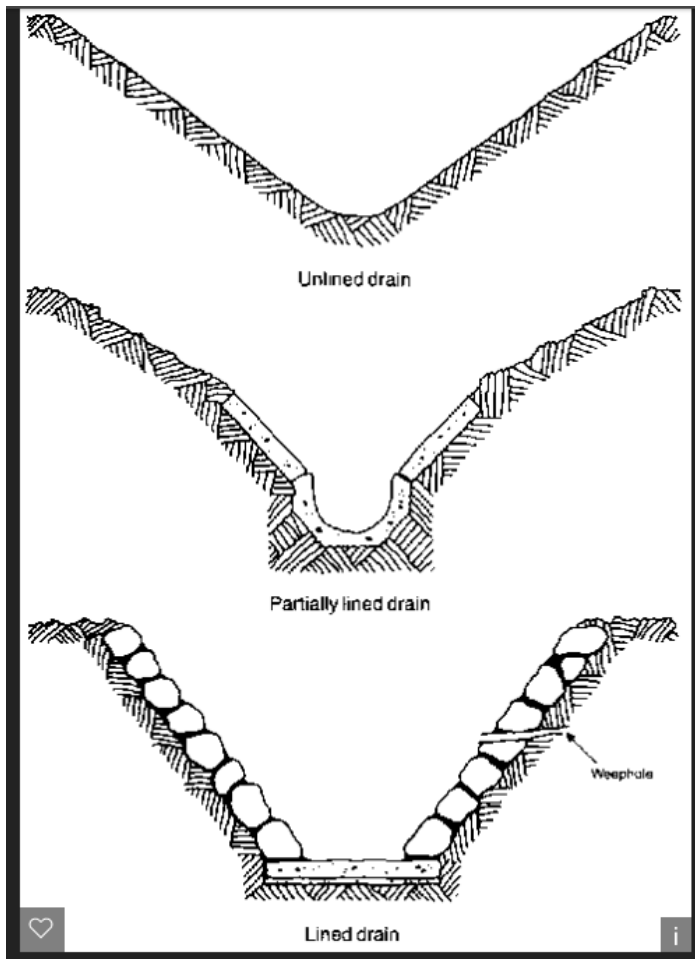
More Info

Reflective Sheeting



More Info

Carsonite Decals & Reflective Sheeting





City of Lucas

Parks and Open Space Board Request

August 23, 2016

Requester: Parks Board Member Ken Patterson, City Secretary Stacy Henderson

Agenda Item:

Discuss Scarecrow Contest poster and website details associated with the 2016 Scarecrow Contest.

Background Information:

Website pages have been updated to reflect the 2016 registration information, judging criteria and online application form. Pictures of last year's scarecrow participants have also been added to the main scarecrow webpage.

Scarecrow Contest posters have been prepared and pending Parks Board approval, are ready for distribution at locations in Lucas.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation:

1. Scarecrow Contest poster
2. Scarecrow website pages

Budget/Financial Impact:

NA

Recommendation:

NA

Motion:

NA

City of Lucas Annual SCARECROW CONTEST & TOUR



Scarecrow
Decorating
Contest for...

Families

Individuals

Businesses

Youth Groups and
Church Groups...

Registration begins September 16 through October 9

Complete contest/tour details and entry forms available at www.lucastexas.us

Separate judging for Family/Individual, Business and Group Organizations

Prizes will be awarded at our Founders Day Celebration on October 22, 2016

Have questions? - email kpatterson@lucastexas.us

Lucas, TX - Official Website | www.lucastexas.us/#

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FOUNDERS DAY

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- Scarecrow Contest
- Scarecrow Signup Form
- Take the Scarecrow Tour

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August

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 Water Restrictions IN EFFECT

 State law prohibits outdoor burning

FOUNDERS DAY
Oct. 23, 2016



2016 Proposed Property Tax Rate

The Collin County Tax Assessor-Collector calculated the effective and rollback rates for the 2016 tax year. [Click here](#) to view the 2016 proposed property tax rate notice. The property tax rate is scheduled to be adopted at the September 15, 2016 City Council meeting and will also be discussed at the City Council meeting on August 18, 2016.

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Scarecrow Contest Event

The City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board will be hosting the annual Scarecrow Contest. Registration for the Scarecrow Contest will begin September 16 and runs through October 9 with judging taking place October 11 through October 16. Scarecrow entries must be completed by October 9. Click on the link below to fill out the Scarecrow Contest Application online form.

Lucas residents, businesses, youth groups and church groups are encouraged to register and create a scarecrow display at their home or other location. The event is free and prizes will be awarded during Founders Day festivities on October 22, 2016. There are two scarecrow maker categories individual/family and business/organization. Organizations may be comprised of businesses, Lucas schools, sports teams, churches or various clubs. Use your imagination to select a theme for your scarecrow display. Whether you choose traditional, contemporary or a humorous, its up to you.

Please note that by registering for the Scarecrow Contest, contestants agree to have the name of their display and location of display published on the City's website so that all scarecrow enthusiasts may take the tour and drive around and enjoy the displays.

Take a look below at our entries from last year. For additional information, email Ken Patterson at kpatterson@lucastexas.us.



Scarecrow Contest Links

[JUDGING CRITERIA](#)

[Click Here](#)

[SCARECROW CONTEST APPLICATION](#)

[Click Here](#)

Registered Scarecrow Entrants:

Entry Name	Entry Number	Location
Animal House	1	665 Country Club Road



SCARECROW CONTEST JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging Criteria	Comment	Points
Effort	Does it appear that the display took a lot of thought, time and effort? What portion of the display was created from commercially purchased material? Note: accessories, makeup, masks, hats, components purchased at a store are great!	4
Appearance and overall impression	What is the level of detail? Does the entry show details like jewelry, make-up, hairstyle or moving parts.	4
Level of creativity, innovation	Is the concept/idea creative and original.	4
<p>First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each of the two categories: individual/family and business/group organization.</p> <p>Scarecrow judging will be held October 11 through October 16. The decisions of the judges are final. The goal is kid focused entertainment for all.</p>		

SCARECROW CONTEST APPLICATION

Please complete the online form below to submit your application

First and Last Name: (*)

Address of Scarecrow Entry: (*)

Name of Display: (*)

Email Address: (*)

Telephone Number: (*)

Scarecrow Category (*)

Scarecrow Address Listing (*)

Address Listing on Website

I agree to have my address listed on the City's website as part of the Scarecrow Contest Tour

Receive email copy

Submit

* indicates a required field

CITY OF LUCAS

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City of Lucas

Parks and Open Space Board Request

August 23, 2016

Requester: Parks Board Member Valerie Turnbow

Agenda Item:

Discuss Keep Lucas Beautiful possible programs and projects.

Background Information:

Parks Board Member Valerie Turnbow asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion regarding the Keep Lucas Beautiful program.

Attachments/Supporting Documentation:

1. Texas Town & City Article regarding Community Achievement Awards.

Budget/Financial Impact:

NA

Recommendation:

NA

Motion:

NA

TEN CITIES SHARE GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FUNDING

Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) is a statewide nonprofit organization committed to educating and engaging Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. For almost 50 years, KTB has focused primarily on three major areas: litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction. KTB has the largest environmental and community improvement network in the state, comprised of more than 390 affiliates. These affiliate communities are often led by dedicated volunteers who organize community cleanups, offer free workshops for residents on conservation and waste reduction initiatives, and provide educational opportunities to schools and other community groups. Some affiliates are a recognized arm of local government while others originate in chambers of commerce, economic development councils, or parks boards. Through the tireless efforts of these community leaders, Keep Texas Beautiful's programs have the potential to reach some 21 million Texans every year.

KTB affiliates receive funding and in-kind donations, totaling \$270,000 in 2015, and the benefits don't end there. KTB staff delivers free regional trainings, web-based seminars, and an annual conference where attendees can learn, share best practices, and network with volunteer leaders and government officials from across the state. Affiliates also enjoy access to KTB's partner agencies, including Keep America Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Free cleanup supplies, signs, and volunteer incentives are just a few more examples of the countless benefits available to affiliate communities.

Before we became a KTB affiliate, we were really on our own in Van Alstyne. We would host the occasional community cleanup or plant a few trees, but we had no direction," said Judy Womack, affiliate coordinator for Keep Van Alstyne Beautiful. "When we connected to KTB and TxDOT, we realized that cleanups and planting are just the beginning. Becoming a KTB affiliate gave us the direction that we sought. Finally, there was someone to call for support, guidelines to follow for growing our program, and a concrete plan for success."

Keep Allen Beautiful has a robust volunteer project," said Josué Diaz, City of Allen education specialist. "We're able to mobilize a lot of people because people recognize that we're trying to keep Allen beautiful. Other organizations are willing to partner with us on everything from small cleanups to large citywide projects. That's got to be the key to success: people working together."

KTB has partnered with TxDOT to support the depart-

ment's anti-litter and beautification programs such as Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off and the Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA). The GCAA is open to all Texas communities, and winners share \$2 million in landscape funding to be used for improvements along state rights-of-way. The program has recognized outstanding communities for more than 47 years, with TxDOT providing landscaping funds since 1986.

This year's GCAA award winners have been announced and their work is impressive. GCAA applicants are divided into population categories and evaluated in seven areas: community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, litter law and illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and property improvement, and solid waste management.

Read more about 2016 Governor's Community Achievement Award-winning communities, and then connect with KTB to get involved in the mission to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. KTB is hosting a free webinar on September 8, 2016 where program leadership will discuss the benefits of affiliation and why there has never been a better time to become a part of the KTB affiliate network! Visit www.ktb.org to learn more about the GCAA and becoming a KTB affiliate.

SOMERVILLE

Category 1: Population up to 3,000
Landscape Award: \$90,000



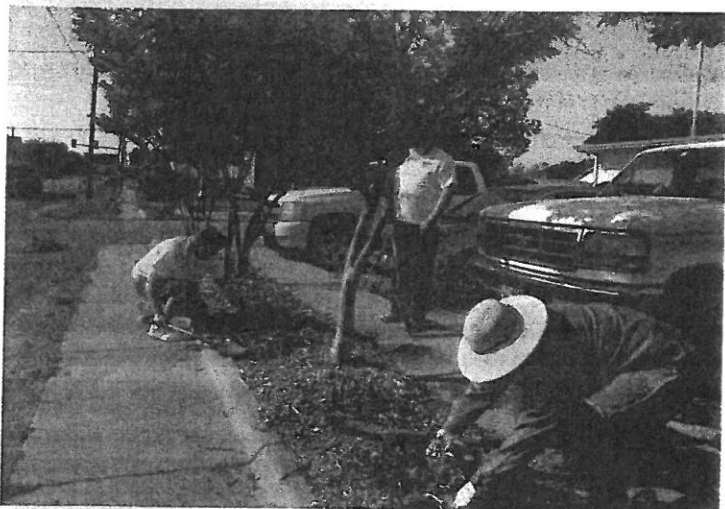
Though smaller than most Texas cities, Somerville's natural beauty, tranquil trails and waterways, and business-friendly

culture create a larger-than-life appeal. As the city plays host to anglers, hikers, and the quintessential crowd of winter Texans, its residents gather regularly for neighborhood cleanups throughout the year. Keep Somerville Beautiful (KSB) organized Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off and Great American Cleanup events at 13 separate locations, known collectively as Somerville's Spring into Clean initiative. In 2015, nearly 200 volunteers collected 8,715 pounds of litter and debris, 1,344 pounds of recyclables, and 710 pounds of household hazardous waste. As a result of unprecedented flooding, the city was forced to divert resources to repair damaged roadways and remove debris. In the following months, KSB volunteers and partners contributed 2,715 hours of beautification work, removing even more debris, installing concrete benches, controlling mosquito populations, and repairing damaged structures in flooded areas. Because of these efforts, Somerville today is a shining example of big Texas pride in a small Texas town.

VAN ALSTYNE

Category 2: Population 3,001-5,500

Landscape Award: \$110,000



Van Alstyne is the perfect blend of tradition and innovation, a small Texas town that maintains its old-fashioned charm while charting a strong path forward into the future. Driven by a passion to preserve the beauty of their small city, the citizens of Van Alstyne work together to ensure that their parks and streets remain clean and inviting as increasing numbers of Texans flock to the area. Keep Van Alstyne Beautiful hosts beautification events throughout the year. Volunteers removed more than 23,000 pounds of trash and recyclables during the Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off and other events. All in all, waste reduction efforts in Van Alstyne diverted some 820,000 pounds of material from landfills in 2015. As the greater North Texas area continues to expand, it is this dedication that will guarantee the continued success of Keep Van Alstyne Beautiful for years to come.

CUERO

Category 3: population 5,501-9,000

Landscape Award: \$130,000



Painted with magnificent displays of wildflowers and vast swaths of ranchland, Cuero is home to 6,841 proud and active Texans. While the city has experienced both heavy rain and searing drought over the last several years, residents and community leaders have worked together to keep the city's roads and waterways clear of litter and other debris. In 2015, Keep Cuero Beautiful and the City of Cuero celebrated the rollout of curbside recycling for residents. In its first three months, this new development collected 121,600 pounds of recyclable materials and found many residents asking the city for extra recycling bins. During the same year, Cuero's public schools recycled more than 200,000 pounds of paper and plastics. Initial projected savings to the city of Cuero from recycling programs are expected to top \$50,000 per year. Fighting litter can be tough for small towns along major highways, but Cuero's determined network of volunteers and city leaders have stood up to the challenge time and again.

BOERNE

Category 4: 9,001-15,000

Landscape Award: \$160,000



ic pride and community engagement are mainstays of Boerne's culture, with volunteers turning out for events year round. Bolstered by a passionate KTB affiliate in Keep Boerne Beautiful and an enterprising city government, the citizens of Boerne have remained committed year after year to the continued growth of their charming Texas locale. In 2015, more than 300 people signed up to restore Boerne's crown jewel, Cibolo Creek. Volunteers maintained more than three miles of trail, removing invasive plant species in order to preserve the sensitive ecological environment along the banks of the creek. In spite of heavy rain and flooding, nearly 600 volunteers showed up for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, cleaning up trash and removing debris from Boerne's roads and waterways. Keep Boerne Beautiful and the citizens of Boerne are the epitome of resilience.

ANGLETON

Category 5: Population 15,001-25,000
Landscape Award: \$180,000



Visitors often note the seven-story statue of Stephen F. Austin that greets them on their way into Angleton, but it is the larger-than-life hometown pride of Angleton's citizens that has truly put the city on the map. Keep Angleton Beautiful (KAB) coordinates thousands of local volunteer events throughout the year, which is quite a feat for this small town's small staff. KAB relies on regional partnerships and collaborations with other nonprofits and affiliates to maintain the countless programs that it manages throughout the city. A collaboration with Keep Brazoria County Beautiful collected 67,407 pounds of electronic waste, and more than 500 volunteers collected five tons of trash and debris at the 18th annual Angleton Spring Cleanup. Because of the unwavering dedication of citizens and city leaders alike, Angleton is cleaner than ever.

LUFKIN

Category 6: Population 25,001-40,000
Landscape Award: \$210,000



East Texas is known for its towering pines, and nowhere are they more magnificent than in Lufkin. With Angelina National Forest and Sam Rayburn Reservoir only a stone's throw to the east, this blossoming Texas city offers countless outdoor attractions to visitors and residents alike. In 2015, hundreds of volunteers participated in the Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Lufkin's Annual Tire Reclamation and Electronic Collection Day, and numerous other cleanup events. In addition to hundreds of bags of trash, these volunteers collected some 70,000 pounds of electronic waste, 50 tons of hazardous household chemicals, 15,000 pounds of scrap auto parts, and roughly 5,000 used car tires, the rubber from which was repurposed for use on local playgrounds and running tracks. As more and more visitors flock to the region each year seeking a bit of serenity, they are sure to find pristine pinewood forests and clean, refreshing waterways, all thanks to the unending commitment of the people of Lufkin.



NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

Category 7: Population 40,001-65,000

Landscape Award: \$250,000



North Richland Hills (NRH) continues to expand and attract new business and residents, its citizens are working harder than ever to preserve their parks, waterways, and other natural resources. Known as the "City of Choice," there's no question why 63,343 Texans have made NRH their home. Residents are active and engaged when opportunities arise to get involved in the community. Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful (KNRHB) coordinated hundreds of volunteers at dozens of cleanup events in 2015. At the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, more than 300 volunteers collected 2,250 pounds of litter. KNRHB also spearheaded Texas Recycles Day flea market, two paper shredding events, and an electronic recycling collection event that netted more than three tons of used electronics.

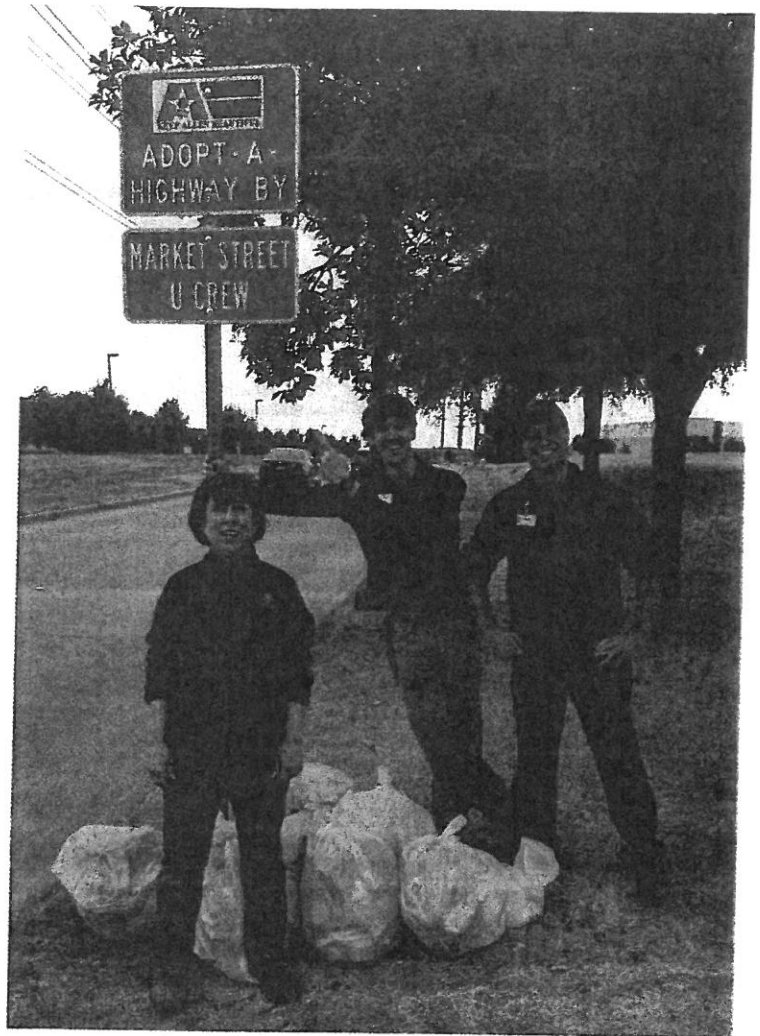
KNRHB focuses heavily on public awareness through community waste reduction efforts, the local graffiti abatement program, and the continued expansion of city recycling services to all residents. With the support of residents and officials alike, the future of North Richland Hills is sure to be bright and prosperous.



ALLEN

Category 8: Population 65,001-90,000

Landscape Award: \$270,000



The City of Allen is one of the fastest growing communities in Texas. Located just north of Dallas along Highway 75, Allen is home to 82,246 Texans and celebrates its high rate of home ownership, exemplary schools, and a wide variety of shopping and entertainment selections. Keep Allen Beautiful (KAB), the environmental voice for the City of Allen, works hand-in-hand with city officials and partner organizations efforts to reduce waste and fight litter across the city. KAB distributed almost 500 trees in 2015, and many more were planted by the city. City hall was converted to native and water-conscious landscaping, and volunteers constructed butterfly gardens for elderly citizens. A program that helps low-income and other disadvantaged residents make home improvements resulted in an average property value increase of \$12,000 for homes in the program. The city's clean streets, beautiful parks, and peaceful neighborhoods are the result of thousands of citizens coming together each year and working toward a common goal: a cleaner, more beautiful Allen.

MCKINNEY

Category 9: Population 90,001-180,000
Landscape Award: \$290,000

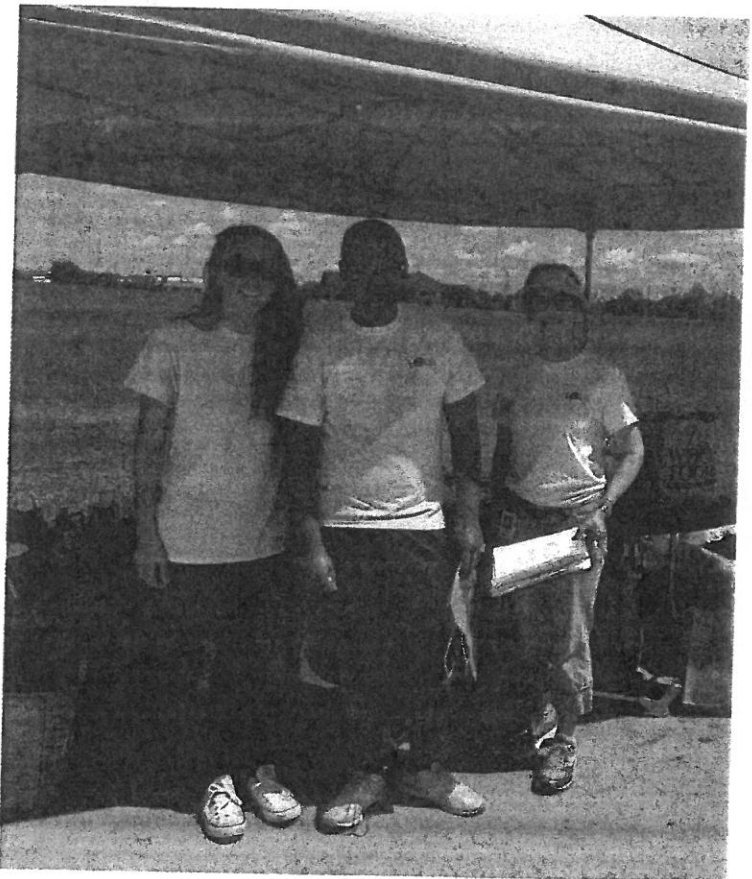


McKinney is a city that has embraced the challenges of tremendous growth while retaining its historic roots. Known for excellent schools, friendly neighborhoods, and a strong economy, McKinney was recently named number one place to live by *Money Magazine*. The public outreach efforts of Keep McKinney Beautiful (KMB) draws hundreds of residents to volunteer events every year. Beyond outreach, a series of educational events called McKinney's Green Seminars have been very successful in training residents on green living. More than 600 participants attended seminars on rainwater harvesting, composting, vegetable gardening, efficient irrigation, water conservation, and more. The city's household hazardous waste (HHW) program increased 10 percent in 2015, gathering 15,690 gallons of HHW products. Shred Day netted 24,000 pounds of paper, and more than 1.6 million pounds of recyclables were processed at McKinney's Materials Recovery Facility, the first LEED-certified MRF in the United States. With such a high level of community pride and constantly increasing quality of life, McKinney is certain to continue its reign as one of the best places to live in America.



PLANO

Category 10: 180,001+
Landscape Award: \$310,000



Plano is the ninth largest city in Texas, where nearly 275,000 Texans live and work. With a projected 10,000 new residents moving to the city over the next five years, Plano prides itself on its ability to provide first class services and opportunities to its ever-growing population. Plano's Sustainability and Environmental Services Division (SEED) and Environmental Waste Services (EWS) have developed an active network of partners that ensure the City of Plano meets its goals of reducing litter and waste in the community. An assortment of community cleanup events in Plano drew 3,600 volunteers, who removed more than 15 tons of litter from hundreds of locations. Combined, these dedicated teams cleared 427 miles of roadways and trails and 175 miles of creeks and streams. An additional 1,411 volunteers cleaned up 18,460 tons of litter during the Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off. The outstanding efforts by the city government and citizens of Plano to reduce waste and beautify their city are in a class of their own. ★