

The Year 2018

2018 will be remembered as a year of opportunity and success for The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space (CBGS). We are pleased to provide this report on the activities of the corporation and accomplishments in 2018 as well as presenting the goals and objectives that we are planning to pursue over the next year.

Mission

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc. is a volunteer citizens group organized as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation. Our mission is to preserve open space in the form of parks, trails, historic sites, and flood plains while being sensitive to the rights of landowners and developers. CBGS desires to assure that ongoing development of land resources is accomplished in a way that is beneficial to landowners, to existing citizens of the city and to future generations of Brentwood residents.

Major Activities and Accomplishments in 2018

1. Our People

People are an important and essential asset to the development and growth in any organization. This is particularly true of volunteer organizations that rely on the passion and dedication of people that share an interest in the mission and are willing to promote that with others in their communities.

CBGS has a strong, dedicated board that is willing to work hard and help us achieve our goals. Their enthusiasm and experience have positioned our organization for future success. Officers that served during 2018 included: President - Gil Hutchinson, Vice President - Joe Harkins, Treasurer – Chris Cummins, and Secretary – David Kumatz.

Board members continue to be involved in giving back to their community through participation in a wide variety of community organizations. A number of our Board are engaged in local civic organizations such as Leadership Brentwood for example.

The following board members also served on these City boards during 2018:

- Dave Kumatz, Tree Board

It was with deep regret that we announced that long time Board member and friend Peggy Sain Howell passed away November 13th after her long struggle with ALS. Her smile, enthusiasm and love for her community will always be remembered.

2. Community Engagement

CBGS is a frequent speaker around the community with local organizations and at public hearings and City Commission meetings. Our web and social media sites are accessible to the community and provide valuable content and updates. We have a strong and valued relationship with the local media and are often sought to provide quotes or topics on items of interest to the local community.

Accomplishments in 2018 include:

- Participated at the City of Brentwood's annual Arbor Day Celebration March 17th.
- Hosted our fourth annual "A Walk in the Park" on September 16th. The occasion brought together friends, partners, sponsors and supporters who have an interest in supporting Marcella Vivrette Smith Park and green space preservation in Brentwood. This year's event was our biggest ever with a delicious array of foods, sweet treats, live music, children's activities, all with a spectacular backdrop provided by the serene beauty of Brentwood's largest park.
 - Hikes in Smith Park were led by representatives from Nashville Hiking Meetup
 - The free concert by The WannaBeatles proved to be a big draw for local residents
 - Kid's activities included miniature train rides, face painting, balloon art, and a magic show
 - This year's Food Trucks were Blue Monkey Shaved Ice, Bradley's Creamery, Banjo's Fried Chicken & Waffles, and Banh Mi Vietnamese food
 - Additional Food and Refreshments were provided by Brentwood's Judge Bean's BBQ and Jackalope Brewing
 - An automobile display by Andrews Transportation Group featured vehicles by Cadillac, Jaguar and Range Rover
 - Kristi Elzinga, CEO of Puffy Muffin Dessert Bakery and Restaurant, once again donated proceeds from the sale of commemorative Brentwood Green Space iced sugar cookies
- H. G. Hill Realty Company was the title sponsor for A Walk in the Park for the fourth consecutive year.
- This year's Gold Level sponsors included the return of Andrews Transportation Group and newcomer LBMC, both of Brentwood. Silver level sponsors included CityPark Brentwood (a Boyle Development), Enterprise Holdings, First Citizens National Bank, Franklin Synergy Bank, Highwoods Properties, The Mick Foundation, Reliant Bank and UnitedHealthcare.
- For the fourth consecutive year, the event was supported by local media partners from Brentwood Home Page, Williamson Herald, YOUR Williamson Magazine, and WAKM-AM radio. Event Day promotional sponsors and vendors included Amerigo Italian Restaurant, Brentwood Academy, Jackalope Brewing, Mere Bulles, Modern Acupuncture, Puffy Muffin Dessert Bakery and Restaurant, and Synergy

3. Fund Raising

CBGS formally announced in late 2011 our goal to raise \$300,000 towards the acquisition of the remaining 80 acres at Ravenswood Farm. This announcement marked the first time our organization shifted from being a community advocacy group to one that also is willing to make a financial stake in our community for the future.

CBGS presented a check for \$11,000 to Brentwood City Commissioners at their Sept. 27th meeting, representing the net proceeds from the 4th annual "A Walk in the Park" fundraising event. Remarked President Gil Hutchinson: "This presentation marked an important

milestone in our organization's history. With this payment, a total of nearly \$223,000 has been paid project to date."

4. Our Goals in 2019

Open Space Preservation remains one of the top 3 issues identified by our residents in the most recent 2020 Plan update. 97% Agreed or Strongly Agreed that future actions are important. CBGS continues to push to add green space in our community. Private donations provide amenities at Smith Park and help keep the focus on preserving our rapidly diminishing green space.

At the dawn of 2019, we are focused on the future and have well defined goals in place. We are committed to making "Brentwood Green Space" a name that carries meaning with it. We want people to know we are a link to nature, whether through getting citizens to work together towards a common goal of helping the City with land acquisitions and improvements at Smith Park or by providing a focus for the preservation of green space throughout our community for generations to come.

Gil Hutchinson

President