



Botanic Garden Task Force – Minutes of Meeting
April 19, 2018

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Fort Worth Botanic Garden
3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard
Fort Worth, TX 76107

11:30 a.m. Meeting

- I. In the absence of Task Force Chair, Sal Espino, Susan Alanis called the meeting to order at 11:35AM. Task Force members present were John Avila, Pete Geren, Laura Harrison, Sheila Hill, Marty Leonard, Elaine Petrus, Scott Wilcox, Julie Wilson, Mitch Whitten and Harvey Yamagata. City of Fort Worth staff members present were Assistant City Manager Susan Alanis, Park & Recreation Director Richard Zavala, Park & Recreation Assistant Director Sandra Youngblood, Bob Byers, Botanic Garden Director, Richard McCracken, Assistant City Attorney, and Garden Coordinator Ennis Anderson.
- II. Mitch Whitten made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2018 meeting. Elaine Petrus seconded the motion.
- III. Prior to the April 19, 2018, meeting, documents were sent to Task Force members in response to questions raised from meeting #2 held March 19, 2018. These included the following.
 - a) Local vs. Regional Responses to Intercept Surveys
 - b) Fees, Attendance, Membership Levels at Other Gardens
 - c) Fort Worth Zoo Attendance/Membership Levels
 - d) Explanation of City Attendance Projection
 - e) Quick Wins from Strategic Plan
- IV. Susan provided an introduction to the video of Botanic Garden Conditions. It is planned that this video will be shown at the public meeting. There will be an introduction by Councilmember Dennis Shingleton
- V. Susan provided a PowerPoint on revenue scenarios and debt capacity.
- VI. Susan provided a PowerPoint on social equity and garden access.
- VII. The Task Force discussed key questions on Financial Management Policy Recommendation. Further discussions will be held at subsequent meetings.
- VIII. The Task Force Schedule was discussed.
- IX. Susan adjourned the Task Force meeting at 1:22PM.