

Board of Directors

- David Avirom
- Kathy Crisp
- Chris Cummins
- Don Green
- Jay Hancock
- Joe Harkins
- Robbie Hayes
- Anna Hill
- Peggy Howell
- Gil Hutchinson
- David Kumatz
- George Malo
- Angie Miller
- Kelli Nelson
- Alex Noble
- Stephen Prince
- James Selleh
- Mark Thompson
- Jimmy Wilson
- Jim Wiseman

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ANNUAL MEETING

BRENTWOOD, TN – February 2, 2018 –The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space Board of Directors held their annual meeting January 18th, 2018. The following new appointments to the Board were made:

- Don Green, Water Quality Supervisor-City of Chattanooga
- Jay Hancock, Executive Director-Ernst & Young (Nashville)
- Robbie Hayes, Supervising Planner-WSP
- Anna Hill, Owner-Nantuckit Furniture Company
- Kelli Nelson, Tax Director-HCA Inc.
- Mark Thompson, Principal-Mercer Health & Benefits LLC
- Jim Wiseman, Jim Wiseman, CPA

“We are very excited to welcome seven new board members who bring with them an incredible wealth of experiences, talents and leadership,” said Gil Hutchinson, President.

In addition, officers for 2018 are:

- Gil Hutchinson, President
- Dave Kumatz, Secretary
- Chris Cummins, Treasurer
- Joe Harkins, Vice President

The Year 2017

2017 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 2017 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 2017

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 2017 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. The following board members also served on these City boards during 2017:

- Dave Kumatz, Tree Board
- Angie Miller, Park Board

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 2017 include:

- Participated at the City of Brentwood's annual Arbor Day Celebration April 1st.
- Hosted our third annual "A Walk in the Park" on October 8th.
 - 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 delicious BBQ from Judge Beans, a variety of sweet treats, live music, children's activities, all with a spectacular backdrop provided by the serene beauty of Brentwood's largest park.
 - Sponsors are essential to making community events like this a success. In addition to our title sponsor, H. G. Hill Realty Company, we were excited to welcome this year two new Gold Sponsors: Synergy Realty Network and Andrews Transportation Group. Other new sponsors for "A Walk in the Park" this year were CityPark, a Boyle Development,

Highwoods Properties, Franklin Synergy Bank and Teresa Sivils of Farmers Insurance. In addition to H. G. Hill Realty Company, returning event sponsors included Nolensville Market Square, Southern Oral & Facial Surgery, Middle Tennessee Ear, Nose & Throat, United Healthcare, Enterprise Holdings and The Mick Foundation. Media partners were the Brentwood Home Page, Williamson Herald, YOUR Williamson Magazine, WAKM-AM radio and Alphagraphics.

- Attendees also got to see the official ribbon cutting for Smith Park's newest additions, the completion of Phase II of work at the park. Funds raised through events like "A Walk in the Park" and private donations helped raised funds used towards the construction of multi-purpose athletic fields and a picnic shelter!

- Participated in the Route 66 Conference For The Parks on October 25th.

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 announced payment to the City of Brentwood in the amount of \$13,740 at the Brentwood City Commission meeting on October 26th. The funds were raised from the third annual "A Walk in the Park" fundraiser and donor contributions. Remarked President Gil Hutchinson: "This presentation marked an important milestone in our organization's history. With this payment, a total of nearly \$210,000 has been paid project to date."

4. Our Goals in 2018

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 2018, 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

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