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2025 Annual Meeting

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space (CBGS) recently held our annual meeting. Officers elected for 2025 include:

- A. President - Gil Hutchinson
- B. Vice President - Joe Harkins
- C. Treasurer - Kelli Nelson
- D. Secretary - Dave Kumatz

Discussions included the continued collaboration with Bike Walk Brentwood and the status of the mountain biking trail as well as a new monarch butterfly habitat in Marcella Vivrette Smith Park. Memorial donations and, finally, the work by the City on the new future Windy Hill Park!

Looking back on 2024, the year will be remembered as a year of opportunity and success for CBGS. We are pleased to provide this overview on our activities and accomplishments in 2024 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 ensure 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 2024

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 2024 included: President - Gil Hutchinson, Vice President - Joe Harkins, Treasurer – Kelli Nelson, 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. Several

members of our Board participate in local civic organizations such as Leadership Brentwood and have previously served on City Boards.

2. Community Engagement

In years past, CBGS has been a frequent speaker around the community with local organizations and at public hearings and City Commission meetings. Our web and social media sites remain accessible to the community and provide valuable content and updates. We maintain a relationship with the local media and are frequently asked to provide quotes or discuss topics relevant to the local community.

Mountain Biking System at Marcella Vivrette Smith Park

We continue to look forward to new amenities and improvements at Marcella Vivrette Smith Park in the coming years! Bike Walk Brentwood and Citizens for Brentwood Green Space announced a partnership in 2022 to evaluate and promote the development of a new mountain biking system at Marcella Vivrette Smith Park. The City approved their design in November 2022.

The project fundraising goals were achieved, and the new trail system at Marcella Vivrette Smith Park was inaugurated on April 27th, 2024.

CBGS also donated to the City of Brentwood towards a new milkweed garden and signage in Smith Park for a monarch butterfly habitat in October.

We are thankful for the support from the community for these exciting new amenities!

Our Goals in 2025

Private donations help provide amenities and maintenance support in our parks. At the dawn of 2025, 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 or by providing a focus for the preservation of green space throughout our community for generations to come.

Regards,

Gil Hutchinson

President

About Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc.

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