

**THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL/ECC JOINT WORK SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2019, IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 6:00 P.M.**

[Click here](#) for meeting video link (subject to change)

The Town Council and Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) met in a work session with the following members present:

Town Council:

Jason Webb	Mayor Pro Tem
Claudio Forest	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Sandeep Sharma	Councilmember Place 2
Kevin Bryant	Councilmember Place 3
Jim Engel	Councilmember Place 4

Environmental Conservation Commission:

Thomas Bailey	ECC Chair, Place 6
James Seastrom	ECC Vice Chair, Place 2
James Naylor	Place 1
Russell McNamer	Place 3
Marilyn Lawson	Place 4
Alton Bowman	Place 5
James Gerber	Place 7
Elaine Takacs	Place 8, Alternate
Kathryn Wells	Place 10, Alternate

And the following members absent:

Steve Dixon	Town Council, Mayor
Shery Layne (ECC)	ECC, Place 9, Alternate

Constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Theresa Scott	Town Secretary
Jimmy Stathatos	Town Manager
Debra Wallace	Deputy Town Manager/CFO
Tommy Dalton	Assistant Town Manager
Lexin Murphy	Director of Planning Services
Matthew Wood	Director of Environmental Services
Matt Green	Environmental Review Analyst
James Hoefert	Environmental Review Analyst

**A. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Webb called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B./C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG**

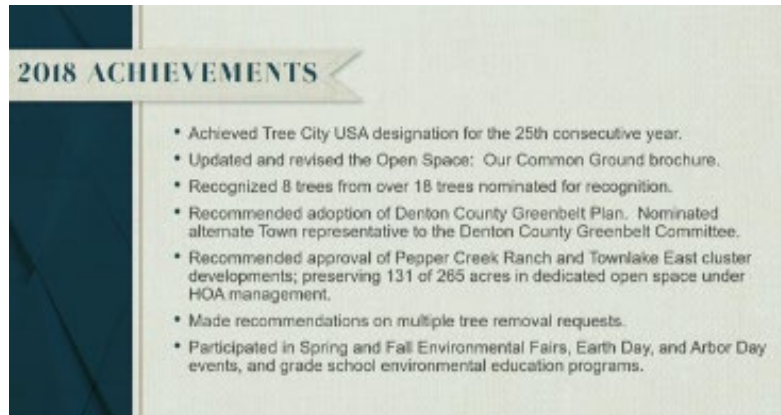
Chaplain McNamer gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Webb led the pledges.

**D. WORK SESSION ITEM**

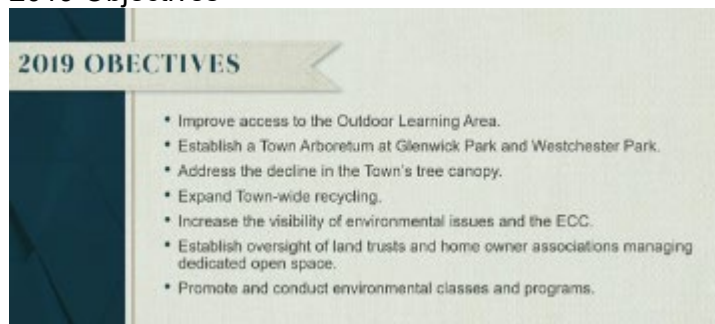
1. Joint work session with Town Council and Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) to discuss accomplishments and objectives as presented in the 2018 ECC Annual update and within the scope of the [ECC powers and duties](#).

ECC Chair, Tom Bailey, gave a presentation identifying or noting:

- Introductions
- Purpose & vision statement
- Powers and Duties (handout)
- 2018 ECC achievements



- 2019 Objectives



- ECC subcommittees
- Oversight of land trusts and HOAs managing open space
- Establish a Town arboretum
- Address the decline in the town tree canopy
- Expand Town-wide recycling
- Improve access to the outdoor learning area
- Increase the visibility of environmental issues
- Promote and conduct environmental classes and programs

And there was discussion between Council and ECC members regarding:

- Open space management plans (as presented by ECC):
  - clarification regarding whether assessments are voluntary or mandatory, and enforcement options should there be a mandatory requirement
  - Density measured by lot size causes a loss of open space
- Arboretum
  - Whether the ECC thought about something a bit more grand than an arboretum that is more of a destination location
  - Importance of preserving or planting trees with the distant future in mind
- Tree canopy decline
  - Importance of encouraging residents to plant trees in their yards, and perhaps through the issuance of free trees for residents during Arbor Day
  - How the Town's tree ordinance provides an incentive for not destroying groves of trees
  - How other cities are maintaining their tree canopies
  - Importance of having ECC's recommendation for tree removal agenda items and encouraged members to vote their conscious and not what they think Council wants to hear
  - What flexibility does the Town's Tree Ordinance provide, such as negotiation opportunities with a developer in the area of credits
  - Balancing the legalities of zoning with tree preservation
- Town-wide recycling
  - Statistics and cost associated with green waste
  - What is being done in the area of educating youth or the public about environmental topics such as trees and recycling
  - What would be needed to add recycling at multi-family complexes
- Outdoor learning area
  - What would be the funding sources for the idea of a pedestrian bridge to connect the public to the area
  - Where does the money for the Tree Preservation Fund come from

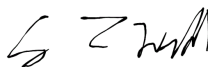
There was Council/ECC discussion regarding:

- What are the deciding factors when making a decision about tree removal request by an applicant
- Interest in getting to a point where the Town is an example of native plantings and water conservation throughout the Town, and have the ECC work toward that goal
- Appreciation for the introduction of purple pipe
- Property tax waivers as tree preservation incentive

E. ADJOURN WORK SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Webb adjourned the work session at 8:02 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 2019, and all were in favor.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS



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JASON WEBB, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:



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THERESA SCOTT, TOWN SECRETARY