



City of Garden Ridge

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AGENDA
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will meet in a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 16, 2018 in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas. As required by law, notice is hereby posted on April 13, 2018 before 5:00 p.m., providing time, place, date and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Rules for Citizens' Participation:

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission welcomes citizen participation and comments at all Commission Meetings. The Commission offers citizens the opportunity to address them by signing up to speak prior to the meeting. If you speak, you follow these guidelines:

- a) Respect and courtesy:
 - i. Direct your comments to the entire Commission, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
 - ii. Show the Commission the same respect that you would like to be shown.
 - iii. End your speaking at the time allotted below.
- b) Speaking:
 - i. First citizen comment period
 - a. You are required to sign up to speak.
 - b. You are limited to one 3 minute period.
 - ii. Business item period
 - a. You are required to sign up to speak.
 - b. You are limited to one 3 minute period.
 - iii. Second citizen comment period
 - a. You are not required to sign up.
 - b. You are limited to one 2 minute period.
 - iv. State your name and address before your comments begin.
 - v. You are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.

*NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject **must be limited** to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the Commission is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042.*

5. Business Items-

The Committee may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

- a) Approvals
 - i. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.
- b) Education/training session - limited to 20 minutes.
 - i. Deer resistant plants that attract butterflies, bees, and pollinators. Presented by Drake White (Hannasch).
- c) Recommendations
 - i. Texas Parks and Wildlife recommendations and procedures for possible Bottle Neck disease recently detected in local deer herd.
 - a. For autopsy on a deceased deer from accident or injury or harvested deer.
 - b. Cost and provider for autopsy (Krawczynski).
 - c. Make a recommendation on Bottle Neck disease to the City Council.
- d) Discussions/Reports
 - i. Review and discuss wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.
 - a. Police
 - b. Animal Control
 - ii. Future on Deer Management (Krawczynski)
 - a. Survey and next steps (Sullivan).
 - b. Development of Wildlife Management Plan.
 - c. Clarification on approved motion from March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting, to reduce the deer population within 3 years to 1 deer per 5 acres.
- e) Updates
 - i. Commissioner's Projects
 - a. Trees in Garden Ridge (Hatch)
 - i. Tree diversity and the effect on Wildlife.
 - ii. Tree give away event.
 - b. Venomous snakes and locations of anti-venom (Segovia).
 - c. Update on future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.
 - ii. City Council Update/Report.
 - a. April 4, 2018, Regular Meeting
- f) Future Agenda Items.
 - i. Commissioner input.
 - ii. Set time, date, and location of Commission Special Meeting, if necessary.
 - iii. Next Regular Meeting Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

6. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total.
See "Rules for Citizens' Participation" under Item 4.

7. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required:

Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized:

The Commission may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Commission reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 55, of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Sessions Authorized:

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials:

It is anticipated that members of the City Council, other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 5:50 p.m. April 10, 2018 on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

ADDENDUM

AGENDA

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 16, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADDITION OF DISCUSSION ITEM

8. Business Items

- b) Discussion on the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission communications outside of Commission meetings (Mayor Thompson).

Due to the addition of the discussion item the numbering sequence of the agenda will change.

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Addendum to the Agenda at 10:45 p.m. on April 11, 2018 on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Presentation by Drake White

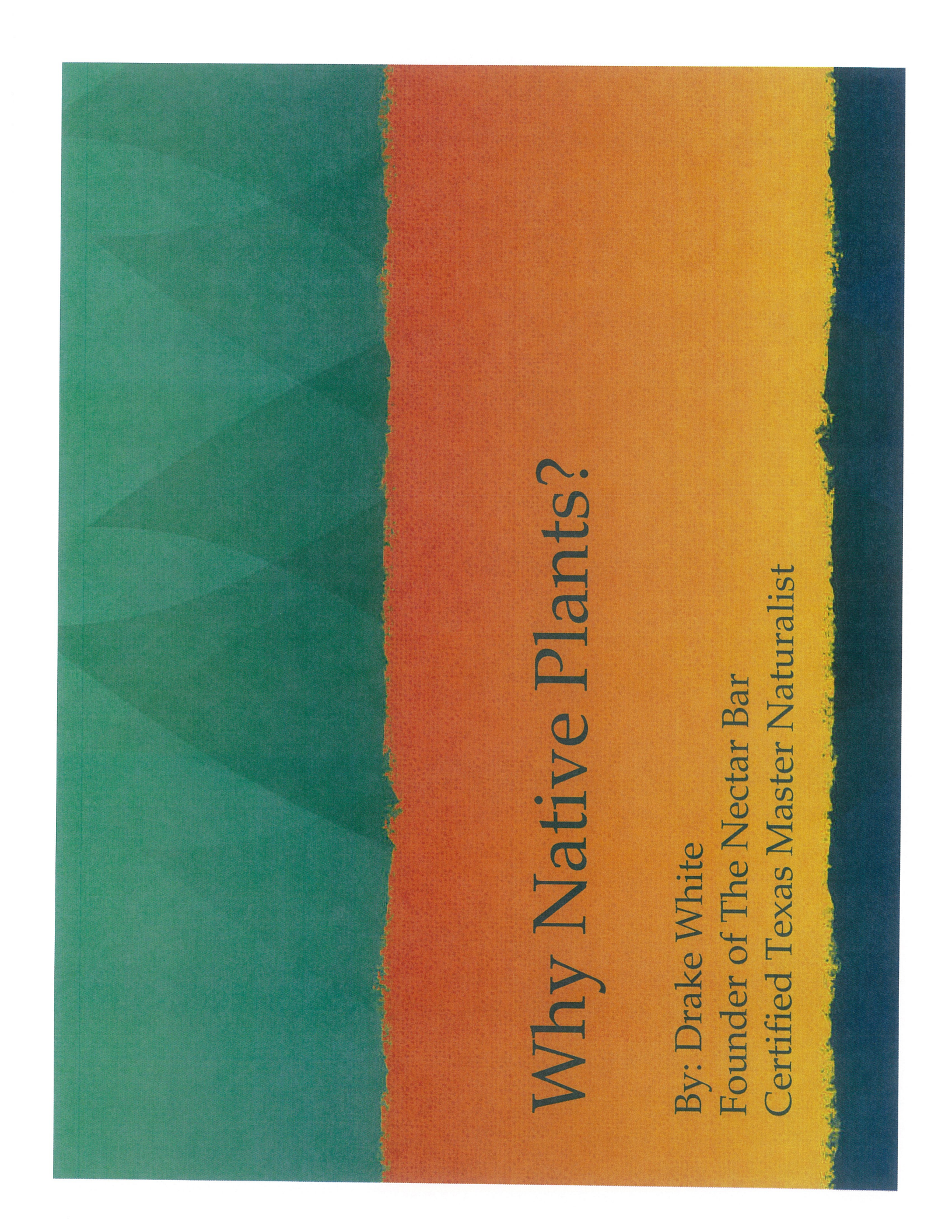
Monday April 16, 2018, 6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Deer Resistant Plants That Attract Butterflies, Bees, and Pollinators

Save this date! The Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will sponsor a presentation on deer resistant plants that attract hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife. Drake White is Native Landscape Certified, is a Certified Texas Master Naturalist, runs the Butterfly Discovery Center and Garden at Phil Hardberger Park, and specializes in the conservation of our pollinators. Topics of the presentation will include: why plant native plants, specific plants for specific wildlife, why host plants and nectar plants are needed, deer resistant plants, and much more.

The presentation will begin shortly after 6:00 and will last for approximately 20 minutes with a short question and answer session to follow. Don't miss it!!!



Why Native Plants?

By: Drake White
Founder of The Nectar Bar
Certified Texas Master Naturalist

Benefits of Native Plants

Save Water:

Once established, many native plants need minimal irrigation beyond normal rainfall.

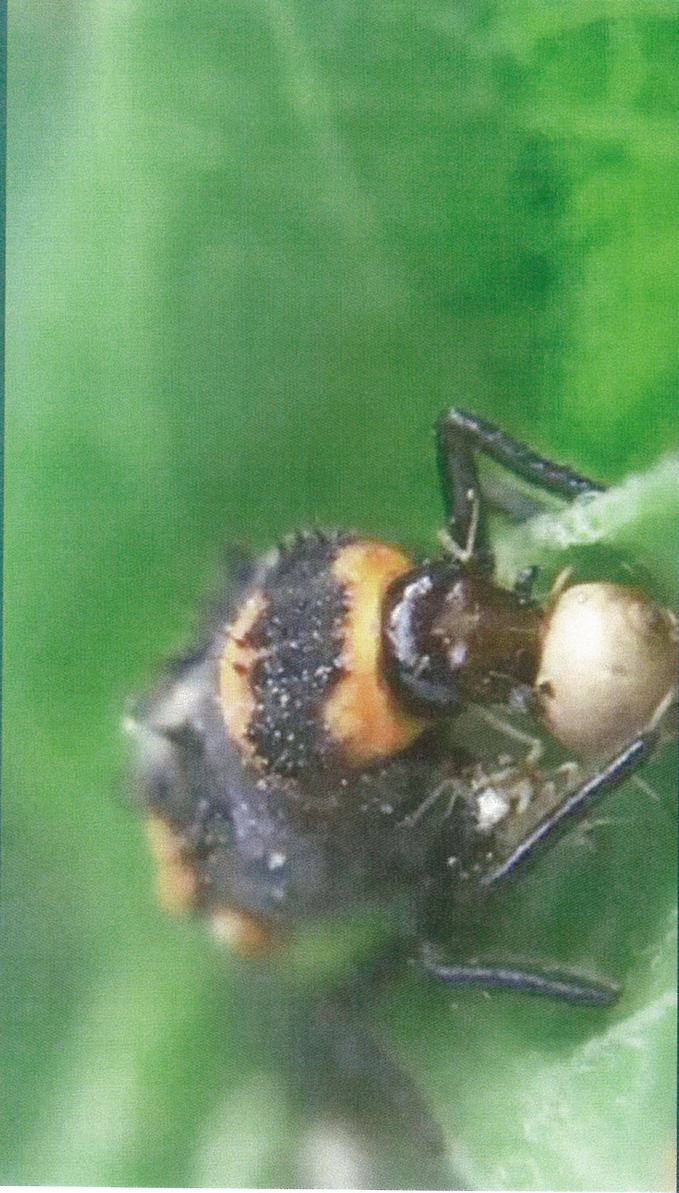


Low maintenance landscaping methods are a natural fit with native plants that are already adapted to the local environment. Look forward to using less water, little to no fertilizer, little to no pesticides, less pruning, and less of your time.



Pesticide Freedom:

Native plants have developed their own defenses against many pests and diseases. Since most pesticides kill indiscriminately, beneficial insects become secondary targets in the fight against pests. Reducing or eliminating pesticide use lets natural pest control take over and keeps garden toxins out of our creeks and watersheds.



Wildlife Viewing



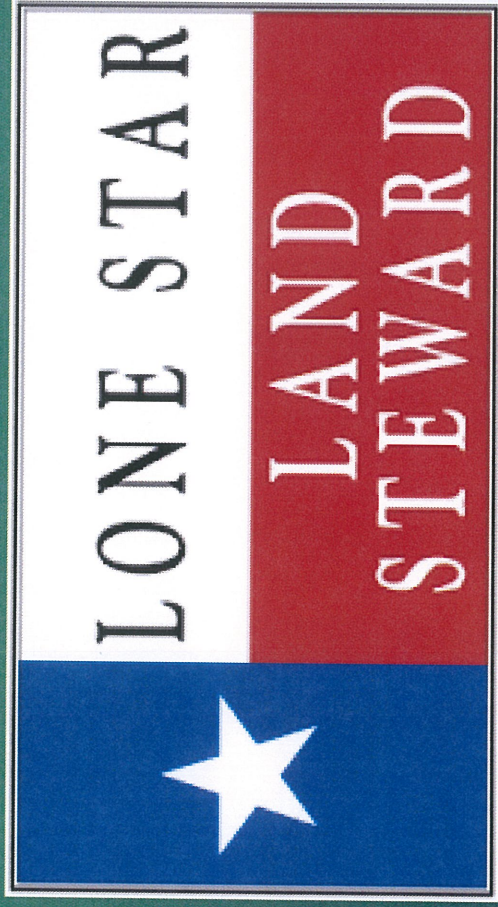
Native plants, birds, butterflies, beneficial insects, and interesting critters are “made for each other.” Research shows that native wildlife prefers native plants.

Support Local Ecology



As development replaces natural habitats, planting gardens, parks, and roadsides with Texas natives can provide a “bridge” to nearby remaining wild lands.

How can I help?



Private landowners are the key to effective habitat management in Texas, since more than 95 percent of Texas is privately-owned or operated.

What plants are native in Texas?



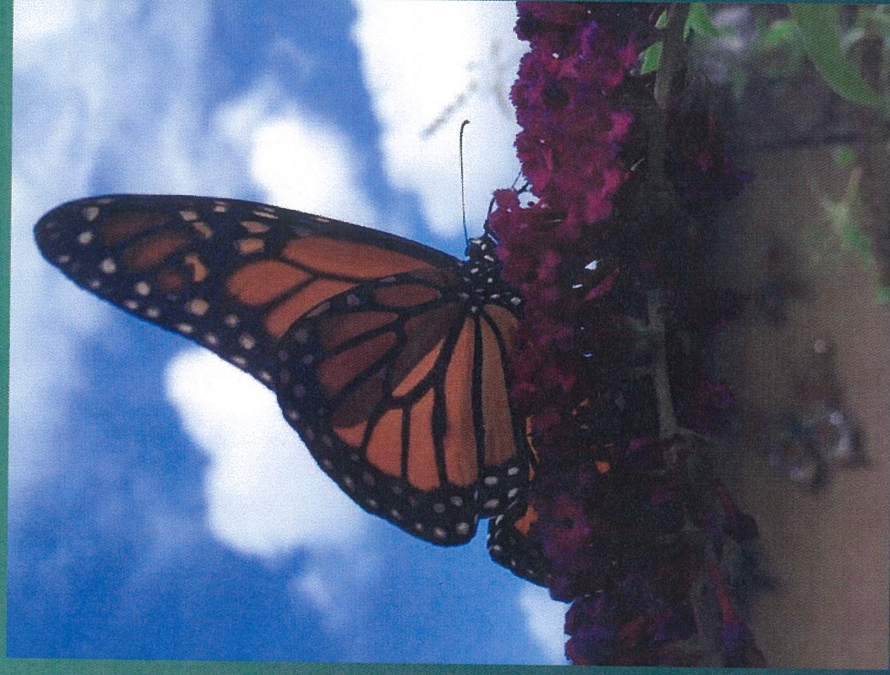
Zexmenia (*Wedelia hispida*)
Whitlow-wort (*Paronychia
virginica*)
Violet, Missouri (*Viola
missouriensis*)
Verbena, Prairie Purple
Penstemon, Hill Country
(*Penstemon triflorus*)
Mistflowers
Milkweeds

All deer resistant!!



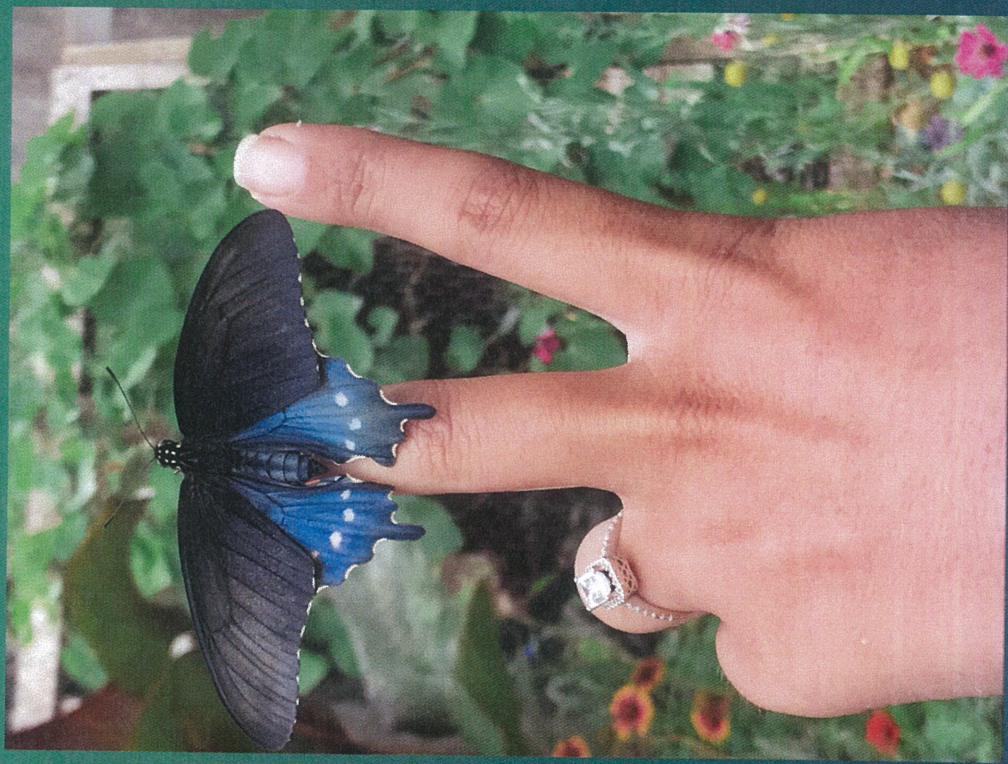
Mallow, Indian (*Abutilon palmeri*)
Mexican Hat (*Ratibida columnifera*)
Hibiscus,
Halberdleaf (*Hibiscus laevis*)
Rosin Weed (*Silphium simpsonii*)
Sunflower, Maximilian (*Helianthus maximiliani*)
Sweetspire, Dwarf Virginia (*Itea virginica* 'Little Henry')

Also great for BUTTERFLIES!



Many of these plants
are also Host plants
(baby butterfly food)
or Nectar plants (adult
food) for butterflies.
But natives are best for
ALL pollinators and
wildlife.

Thank You





**MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Commissioners present:

Chairman David Krawczynski
Vice Chairman Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Rick Hannasch
Commission Dawn Hatch
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Councilmember Robb Erickson (ex-officio)

Commissioners Absent:

None.

Also Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Eric Lowman, Animal Services
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

Other Appointed or Elected Officials in Attendance:

Mayor Thompson
Mayor Pro Tem McCaw
Commissioner Dr. Miller (Planning and Zoning Commission)

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairman Krawczynski at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2018 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge Allegiance

Chairman Krawczynski led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Citizen's Participation

No one wished to speak.

4. Business Items-

The Committee may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

- a) **Discussion on Wildlife Management Advisory Commission binder of ordinances that apply under the Commissions purview, Commissioners**

contact information, Commissioners places and terms, and additional information to assist in making Commission recommendations and Commission duties (Ordinance 210-022018 with Mayor Thompson).

Mayor Thompson reviewed the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission binder and stated that the binder was theirs and if they wanted additional items to let staff know. He reviewed the Board and Commission Ordinance 210 which was approved by City Council in February. He stated this Ordinance will now provide all Commissions' agenda formats and uniformity in conducting meetings. He stated Councilmember Bower gathered information from other cities and then they met with the Chair and another member of each Commission to work on the finalization of the Ordinance.

Chair Krawczynski asked that each Commissioner read and learn Ordinance 210.

b) Education/training session – Wildlife (other than deer) that live in Garden Ridge (Kneupper). -limited to 20 minutes.

Commissioner Kneupper introduced Eric Lowman, Animal Services and also stated Mr. Lowman is the Rabies Authority of the City of Garden Ridge. Mr. Lowman reviewed the different wildlife within Garden Ridge and the process used when wildlife is trapped in live traps. He also explained the live traps the City offers to residents, deposit, and the different sizes. He stated the best way to not have wildlife destroy your property is to void feeding them.

The Commission discussed the live trap process and the deposit fee. They reviewed different birds and the protected species of birds.

c) Approvals

i. Approval of Minutes for February 20, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch, to approve the Minutes for February 20, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Special Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch, to approve the Minutes for February 27, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Special Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously

d) Recommendations

i. Texas Parks and Wildlife recommendations and procedures for Bottle Neck disease recently detected in local deer herd.

1. For autopsy on a deceased deer from accident or injury or harvested deer.

- 2. Cost and provider for autopsy (Krawczynski).**
- 3. Make a recommendation on Bottle Neck disease to the City Council.**

Chair Krawczynski stated at the last City Council meeting he presented the Commission's recommendation for Bottle Neck disease. He reported the City Council requested additional information and cost regarding the autopsy of a deer with symptoms.

The Commission agreed to research the cost and process for an autopsy and how to handle Bottle Neck disease. They also asked that this item remain on the agenda.

e) Discussions/Reports

- i. Review and discuss wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.**
 - a. Police**
 - b. Animal Control**

The Commission reviewed the reports and pointed out the report was only for a 3 week period.

- ii. Future on Deer Management (Krawczynski)**
 - a. Update on survey and next steps (Sullivan).**

Commissioner Sullivan reviewed the higher totals of the survey and stated the State of Texas currently allows for two plans TTP (Trap, Transport and Process) and TTT (Trap, Transport and Translocate). He stated TTT is a very expensive permit process and it is very difficult to find a State approved place to relocate the deer. He stated the TTP permit process is free and takes a month to get approved. He stated the TTP permits would be for the timeframe of October 1st - March 31st, and feels the Commission should begin the permitting process in September.

The Commission discussed the State required disease testing process and required number of deer that would have to be tested. They also discussed the hours that were previously spent trying to locate a ranch that would take the deer needing to be relocated.

The Commission agreed by consensus to write an article for the Grapevine asking for help with locating a ranch willing to take the deer and to go through the State required permitting process for TTT.

Commissioner Sullivan agreed to research different trapping companies, cost and the process they use.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch, to approve the reduction of the deer herd in Garden Ridge to one deer to every five acres.

Three Commissioners voted before discussion was finalized.

The Commission discussed the need to begin the Management Plan so a sustainable healthy deer population could be maintained. They also discussed the number of years it would take to arrive at a reasonable reduction of deer.

Amendment to Main Motion: An amended to the main motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch to add the goal of the reduction of deer to three years. The Commission voted five (5) for and one (1) against (Hatch). The motion passed.

Councilmember Erickson stated the Commission needs to provide a recommendation to the City Council for the complete Management Plan which should include budget amounts for TTT, TTP and for education. He stated this needs to be done by June 2018. He also recommended the Commission be careful with making motions without discussing the motion first.

iii. City Council March 7, 2018, Regular Meeting Update/Report.

Councilmember Erickson stated at the March 7, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting, Chair Krawczynski and Vice Chair Segovia did a great job of presenting the tabulations of the Wildlife Survey.

Chair Krawczynski stated the survey was tabulated and presented in the most transparent way. He stated he also updated the City Council on the comments from the survey that were reviewed at the Special Commission Meeting held on March 27, 2018. He presented the recommendations that were made by the Commission regarding the survey and the appointment of Dawn Hatch to the Commission.

Vice Chair Segovia stated they also reviewed the survey tabulation results for the different neighborhoods in the City.

iv. Update on future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

Chair Krawczynski stated the May 21st education/training session will be on how Hollywood Park began their Wildlife Management Program.

Commissioner Sullivan stated he will contact Texas Parks and Wildlife about providing an education session on June 18th.

v. Discussion on Future Agenda Items.

The Commissioners requested the following items to be added:

- Tree Diversity and how it affects Wildlife (Hatch)
- Tree give away (Hatch)

a. Announce date, time, and location for next Regular Meeting (Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Krawczynski stated the next Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

5. Citizen's Participation: - limited to 20 minutes.

See "Rules for Citizen's Participation" under Item 4.

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, stated he feels the Commission should do an education session on snakes and what medical facilities carry the anti-venom.

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke on the motion to reduce the deer population in Garden Ridge. She also stated Texas Parks and Wildlife recommendation for reduction of deer depended on the tolerance of the citizens. She also stated the Commission is spinning the facts to fit their actions.

Christi Haberer, 21120 Forest Waters, spoke regarding the results of the Wildlife Survey and the management of deer split neighbors against each other. She also stated she contacted shelters and was informed that the processed deer meat is not going to shelters, but it is going to Mexico.

Marianne Sterling, 9006 Cinnabar Circle Court, spoke regarding the results of the Wildlife Survey and how several questions on the survey were evenly divided. She stated the Commission needs to do what the residents want.

Amy Harrell, 9315 Sumac Lane, stated she was glad the City finally got deer crossing signs so the residents will know where the deer cross. She also recommended getting children involved in the education sessions. She also recommended the Commission to not warn against Bottle Neck, until there is a positive case.

Fred Hutchinson, 9232 Cinchona Trail, spoke regarding the number of deer he has seen in his yard and how the fawns will increase that number. He stated the deer meat that is processed from TTP goes to a Christian food assistance program.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion made by Chairman Krawczynski and a second by Commissioner Sullivan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Wildlife Management Commission
City of Garden Ridge

From: Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police
City of Garden Ridge

Date: 11 April 2018

Copies:

Reference: Monthly Wildlife Statistics

Members of the Commission,

Here is the data collected in the last 30 days regarding the Police Departments involvement with animal related calls. These numbers do not include any cases related to domestic dogs or cats.

14 March 2018 to 11 April 2018

- 1- Injured deer / dispatched
- 3 - Dead deer located in yards
- 1- Skunk / sick / dispatched



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Public Works Wildlife Report

(Total of wildlife Public Works has come into contact with because they were either dead, or trapped, or released).

	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Total
Deer	14	23	14										51
Raccoons	5	3	3										11
Opossums	1	3	4										8
Skunks	1	7	2										10
Wild hogs	0	0	0										0
Turtles	0	0	0										0
Squirrels	0	2	5										7
Foxes	0	0	0										0
Armadillos	0	0	0										0
Hawks	1	0	0										1
Bats	0	0	0										0
Coyotes	0	0	0										0
Buzzards	1	1	1										3
Ringtails	1	0	1										2
Snakes	0	0	0										0
Other	0	0	0										0
Total	24	39	30									YTD Total	93

- March numbers are the entire month of March.

Future Agenda Items

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

MAY 21, 2018

Agenda deadlines:

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|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 14 days before Meetings | (5/7/18) | Wildlife Management Advisory Commission and Staff items are due |
| 10 days before Meetings | (5/10/18) | Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair review agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Attorney is sent the agenda to approval |
| 7 days before Meetings | (5/14/18) | Post Agenda on bulletin board <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will receive packet (allowing a day and half for corrections and additional information to be added) |
| 4 days before Meetings | (5/17/18) | Post Agenda Packet to City Website @ noon |
| 3 days before Meetings | (5/18/18) | (72 hours) – Local Government Code requirement for posting |

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Purple=Quarry Commission

Green=Planning & Zoning =

Brown=Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

Blue=Water Commission

Pink=Impact Fee Committee

City Events= 12th is Shred Day (document shredding) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

28th Memorial Day Holiday

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Approval

1. Minutes 4-16-18

Recommendation

Discussion/Reports

1. Police Wildlife Report
2. Animal Control Report
3. City Council Update
4. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Commissioners' input
 - b. Set next meeting (if necessary) June 18, 2018 @6

Training Session

1. Hollywood Park Deer Management Program (Krawczynski)

Executive Session

June 18, 2018

Agenda deadlines:

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Approval

1. Minutes 5-21-18

Recommendation

Discussion/Reports

1. Police Wildlife Report
2. Animal Control Report
3. City Council Update
4. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Commissioners' input
 - b. Set next meeting (if necessary) July 16, 2018 @ 6

Training Session

1. Texas Parks and Wildlife (Sullivan)

Executive Session

PENDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Hunting on Hanson Quarry
- Identify signs of wildlife
- Discussion on future surveys to include surveys for adult children who live at home and are over 18 years of age (Kneupper)
- Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Budget
- Netting Options

UPCOMING EDUCATION/TRAINING SESSIONS

July	Vice Chairman Segovia	Bats
August	Commissioner Bippert	TBA
September	Commissioner Hatch	TBA