

Board of Directors

- Greg Blanford
- Bert Bosse
- Jim Cartiglia
- Kathy Crisp
- Jim Fordice
- Peg Fredi
- Peggy Howell
- Gil Hutchinson
- David Kumatz
- George Malo
- Alex Noble
- Stephen Prince
- James Selleh
- Paul Webb
- Jimmy Wilson

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The Year 2014

By [Gil Hutchinson](#)

2014 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 2014 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 2014**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 installed for 2014: Gil Hutchinson, President, George Malo, Vice President, Bert Bosse, Treasurer and David Kumatz Secretary.

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:

- Bert Bosse, The Brentwood Library Foundation Board
- Dave Kumatz, Tree Board
- Alex Noble, Board of Zoning Appeals

In addition, Paul Webb was elected to represent District 6 as a County Commissioner and Devin McClendon became President of the Rotary Club of Brentwood.

2. Community Education

CBGS is a frequent speaker around the community with local organizations, such as Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce 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 2014 include:

- Brentwood's Tree Board celebrated Brentwood's 25th anniversary as a Tree City USA at the annual Arbor Day Celebration April 5th! CBGS was

recognized for the many years of hard work and dedication to the preservation of parks, trails, historic sites and flood plains within the city. A tree was planted in Crockett Park in our honor!

3. Fund Raising

CBGS formally announced in late 2011 our goal to raise \$300,000 over the next five years 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.

Several recognition opportunities were created for prospective donors in addition to the City's existing sponsorship program at the new Marcella Vivrette Smith Park. Approximately \$167,000 in pledges and cash in total have been raised or committed to in our first three year of fund raising. These funds helped Brentwood purchase the remaining property at Ravenswood Farm, including improvements at the new Smith Park, and support our continuing efforts to preserve Greenspace in Brentwood.

We are pleased to announce payments totaling \$76,813 have already been paid to the City of Brentwood project to date.

4. New Parkland

This was a watershed year for green space preservation for many reasons, but the most important was the grand opening of Smith Park in November! The approximate 400 acre park is truly the "crown jewel" in our extensive park system. Over 106 acres were also added to the City's park system in 2014:

- The purchase of the remaining 80 acres for Smith Park in February; and
- Roughly 26-acres of new parkland off of Mallory Lane: Flag Pole Park and Wickle Park! The City Commission unanimously approved the new master plan to develop the old "Flag Pole Property" at their December 8th meeting. Two tracts are part of the new plan: An active park (8.7 acres) and a passive park (14.9 acres). The active park will feature parking and passive ball fields. There is an expected pedestrian easement between the two tracts. The planning phase should be completed by the end of the year, with construction starting sometime next summer.

Our Goals in 2015

Open Space Preservation remains one of the top 3 issues identified by our residents in the 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 2015, 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.

Warmest Regards,

Gil Hutchinson
President

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