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2015 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 2015 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 2015

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 2015: 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

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 2015 include:

- Participated at the City of Brentwood's annual Arbor Day Celebration March 28th!
- Hosted our first major event, "A Walk in the Park," October 10. Close to 200 people at the event and we were able to provide the park system with some much-needed funds for future amenities and improvements at Marcella Vivrette Smith Park! H. G Hill Realty Company was our title sponsor, with Middle Tennessee Ear, Nose & Throat, United Healthcare, Signature Volkswagen/Hyundai of Murfreesboro, CareHere, The Mick Foundation, Grove Park Construction, Brentwood Home Page, Williamson Herald, YOUR Williamson Magazine, WAKM-AM radio, Screamin' Screens Media, and Wheelhouse Marketing Advisors as supporting sponsors. Brentwood Academy provided the very popular "Balloon Guy" and we thank Amerigos and Mere Bulles for gift certificates as well! We'd also like to thank Boy Scout Troops 08 and 93, Ravenwood Interact and Band and the many individual volunteers that made this happen. AND...A very special thanks to the City of Brentwood and their staff for allowing this event to take place and doing such a good job in helping get the park ready for us!

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.

After we collected all the revenues from the walk, as well as some other donations, we were able to provide a payment to the City of Brentwood in the amount of \$9,721.59 at a Brentwood City Commission meeting in late October!

With this payment, a total of \$119,534.69 has been paid project to date. These funds helped Brentwood purchase the remaining 80 acres at Ravenswood Farm and add future amenities at Marcella Vivrette Smith Park, including the development of a new picnic shelter as part of the City's Phase II expansion.

Our Goals in 2016

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 2016, 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



About Citizens for Brentwood Green Space

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