


MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2024

TO: Mayor Jayne Lankford & City Council

FROM: Mercy Rushing, City Manager & Parks Board Staff Director 

SUBJECT: Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board Request for New Board Member

Council Meeting Agenda Item for February 26,2024

Background Information:

Mineola Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board of Directors submits the following name for city council to consider for new appointment for a two (2) year term as allowed in our Advisory Board Bylaws. The board received two applications for one opening which is attached with this memo for your information.

The Parks Advisory Board voted unanimously at their board meeting on January 17, 2024, to submit Ms. Elizabeth Dry name to replace Ms. Angela Thompson who resigned from the parks board this past October 2023.

Ms. Elizabeth Dry has been an educator for years and worked in the public and private sectors at the campus, district, and state level. She collaborated with boards from Dallas and Austin in working with the cities and other non-profit organizations in promoting and implementing her idea-the Promise of Peace Community Garden which she created in 2009 in East Dallas. This project was created to educate families in the area about healthy lifestyles and horticulture. Ms. Dry moved to Mineola from the Dallas area and quickly got involved and partnered with the City at the Mineola Nature Preserve and established a "Foodscape" Community Garden area which opened in June 2023.

Recommendation:

It is the Parks & Open Spaces Advisory Board of Directors recommendation that the City Council consider the new appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Dry for a two (2) year term renewable on Sept. 30, 2026.



City Board & Advisory Board Application Forms

The purpose of this form is to furnish information to the Mayor and City Council regarding those persons who may desire to volunteer their time and services to the City of Mineola by serving on one or more of the following boards and or committees:

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| Board of Adjustments | Mineola Economic Development Corporation |
| Historic Museum Advisory Board | <u>Mineola Main Street Advisory Board</u> |
| Landmark Commission Advisory Board | <u>Park and Open Spaces Advisory Board</u> |
| Marketing/Tourism Advisory Board | Planning & Zoning Advisory Board |

- If you wish to make yourself available for consideration, please complete this form and send to the City Secretary's Office, City of Mineola, P.O. Box 179, Mineola TX. 75773 or email it to ckarch@mineola.com, our phone number is 903-569-6183.

Name: Ryan Pool Phone (H)

Phone (Cell) (903) 245-1263 Email: ryan.pool@att.net

Residence Address: 1280 CR 2800 MINEOLA TX. (MUSD DISTRICT)
(All notices and correspondence are done by email. Please list an email that you check regularly.)

Employer: HOMETOWN THROPHY Title: OWNER

Work Address: 1457 BRONBERG Work Phone:

City resident? Yes No Inside Mineola school district? Yes No

What experience and/or educational background would you bring to our board?

What City boards have you served on before, when and where? LOVE THE OUTDOORS.
LONGTIME RESIDENCE OF MINEOLA.
LAST 5-YEARS HELPED WITH MINEOLA PRESERVE
YOUTH HUNT. LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER INSIDE THE
CITY LIMITS.

X Ryan Pool 11-7-23
Applicant Signature Date

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Name: Elizabeth J. Dry Phone (H) 2142409220
Phone (Cell) 2142409220 Email: ejdry54@yahoo.com

Residence Address: 1207 CR 2320

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Employer: Promise of Peace Gardens Title: Founding Director

Work Address: 1027 CR 2320 Work Phone: 2142409220

City resident? Yes No Inside Mineola school district? Yes No

What experience and/or educational background would you bring to our board? _____

Education as Principal, teacher, community engagement
What City boards have you served on before, when and where? I collaborated
with boards in Dallas and Austin in
working with the cities and other non-
profit organizations.

x Elizabeth J. Dry
Applicant Signature

1-17-23
Date

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