



AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
HORTICULTURE, ECOLOGY AND
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL- MEETING ROOM 2
OCTOBER 11, 2023
4:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from 08/09/2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Art Categories for Arbor Day
3. Volunteer(s) to update School contact list
4. Date to send Info to Schools/Retirement Communities

NEW BUSINESS

5. Gov't Center Plantings
6. Beautification Spot Light Article

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

7. Seedling Order

NEXT MEETING DATE

8. Next Meeting scheduled for December 13, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____



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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mara Berry, Chair, at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Mara Berry - Present
Committee Vice Chair Claire Chosid -Present
Committee Member Fran Cantor - Absent
Committee Member Rachel Eilbott - Present
Committee Member Dorothy Hancock - Present
Committee Member Paulette Pierson - Present
Committee Member Gene Rovak - Present

Council Liaison David Hoffman - Present
Staff Liaison Janet Rueschhoff - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from 06.21.2023

RESULT: Approval of June 21, 2023 Minutes

MOVER: Chosid

SECONDER: Rovak

AYES: Dorothy Hancock, Mara Berry, Claire Chosid, Rachel Eilbott, Paulette Pierson, Gene Rovak

NAYS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Tappmeyer Group Article

Mara asked if everyone had the opportunity to see the article about the Tappmeyer Group in the New Letter as part of the committee's Beautification Spot Light. Most had and agreed it was a good piece to feature.



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Mara indicated that the Gov't Center was to be the next article. However, since there have been several of the plantings that have died and were being removed, another location should be picked to be featured next. Other ideas shared were as follows:

- Fran Cantor's home and recent designation
- Venable Park
- Olive Blvd with the Coleus

Also mentioned was an idea to write an article that addresses why so many of the trees and shrubs look dead or dying this season. It was discussed this could be a good article to explain to residents the unusual cause for this. It was also suggested to mention Forest Releaf, as they will be having a sale on trees this fall. Janet will verify that we can advertise this in the newsletter since Forest Releaf is a non-profit organization.

3. Gene Rovak report on Facilities at Venable Park

Gene Rovak provided information to the committee on the size of Venable Park for consideration to host the 2024 Arbor Day event. According to Gene, the pavilion is small and the art work would be exposed to the elements thus we would need to hang the art work the morning of the event.

4. Tent Costs

As a follow-up to Gene's discussion, Mara shared with the group the costs of renting tents for Arbor Day. She got information from Weinhardt. We would incur a site visit fee; a fee for the tent rental and take down the tent. A 10' x 30' tent would rent for \$550 and 20' x 40' rents for \$795 not including site visit and take-down costs. The group determined the cost would be beyond our budget and again we are limited on when and how to display the art work.

5. Arbor Day 2024 site decision

RESULT: Arbor Day 2024 held at the Government Center



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MOVER: Pierson

SECONDER: Chosid

AYES: Dorothy Hancock, Mara Berry, Claire Chosid, Rachel Eilbott, Paulette Pierson, Gene Rovak

NAYS: None

After the committee heard from Gene Rovak and Mara Berry, the decision was made to have Arbor Day at the Government Center. We could set tables up outdoors if the weather is nice and have pictures hung in Meeting Room 1 & 2 and down the empty hallway. For inclement weather, the information tables could be brought inside the gym. Another benefit would be the parking.'

The committee also discussed having a separate category for photography.

6. Report on PHP Meeting

Claire Chosid and Paulette Pierson both attended a PHP meeting.

Claire shared with the committee the discussion held during the Council Meeting regarding the plans for Millennium Park renovations. Claire also informed the committee that Tappmeyer house plantings and garden area would not be disturbed during the playground renovations.

Paulette shared with the committee about the bandstand addition and the change to the grading and eventual loss of the current trees in this area.

Both members felt attending these meetings was beneficial and recommended to Mara that we still remain engaged with the committee. As a whole, the committee expressed a desire to add input on the landscape design for the project. Mara indicated she would look about getting HEB on PHP Agenda to discuss this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Next PHP Meeting

Janet will send out an email to group when the next PHP meeting will be held for



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anyone interested in attending.

8. Gov't Center New Landscaping

Vice Chair, Claire Chosid, discussed with the committee members the improvements to the landscaping of the Gov't Center. However, she was very concerned about the number of plants that were lost once they were planted. The group felt the project would have been more successful if the city employed a Horticulturist for these types of projects. The rest of the committee agreed and a suggestion was made to have Jim Heines, Director of Public Works, come to the next meeting to discuss the need for a staff member to be a Horticulturist.

Janet indicated she would ask Jim Heines to attend our October meeting.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. Next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023

Janet also let the committee know the meeting after October will be December 13, 2023.

The 2024 meeting schedule will be February, March, April and June.

ADJOURNMENT

RESULT: Motion to Adjourn MOVER: Chosid SECONDER: Rovak AYES: Dorothy Hancock, Mara Berry, Claire Chosid, Rachel Eilbott, Paulette Pierson, Gene Rovak NAYS: None



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Meeting concluded at 5:30 p.m.