



AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
HORTICULTURE, ECOLOGY AND
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL- MEETING ROOM 2
DECEMBER 13, 2023
4:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Arbor Day
 - Age Groups for Photo Contest
 - Updated School/Nursing Home Contacts
 - Draft of Letter to the Schools

NEW BUSINESS

2. Flyer for Arbor Day
3. Invited Guests for Arbor Day

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

NEXT MEETING DATE

4. Next Meeting Scheduled for January 17, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____

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CALL TO ORDER

Mara Berry called the meeting to order. Melissa Bradford, PIO was present to take notes for the minutes and stand in as Acting Staff Liaison.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from 08/09/2023

RESULT: Approval of 08/09/2023 Minutes
MOVER: Chosid
SECONDER: Rovak
AYES: Mara Berry, Claire Chosid, Dorothy Hancock, Gene Rovak
NAYS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Art Categories for Arbor Day

The Committee discussed the idea of creating separate categories for art and photography. Claire Chosid stated it may draw more people in to participate, as they may not know photographs are allowed. The Committee agreed to have a contest category for art and a category for photos. Whether or not to revise the age categories will be discussed at a future meeting.

3. Volunteer(s) to update School contact list



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Mara Berry stated that Rachel Eilbott volunteered to update the school contact list. The Committee agreed that the first letters should be sent out by January 8, 2024, and the artwork submission deadline will be March 20, 2024.

4. Date to send Info to Schools/Retirement Communities

As discussed earlier - send information to Schools/Retirement Communities around January 8, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Gov't Center Plantings

Jim Heines, Director of Public Works, provided an update on the Government Center plantings, stating the plants downhill from the sod got overwatered, which caused them to die. The plants have since been replaced and are looking better. The cost of replacing the plants came from city funds. Heines also discussed another project scheduled for next year to add grass to the low medians. This will make maintenance easier by reducing the amount of time spent pulling weeds. The coleus will remain in the large medians. Additionally, the trees removed along the Ballas medians will be replaced with narrow trees such as redbuds, hornbeam, and zelkova.

6. Beautification Spot Light Article

Mara Berry asked if the committee would like to put an article in the newsletter highlighting the before and after landscaping in front of the Government Center. Claire Chosid said that would be more appropriate for a spring newsletter. The Committee agreed to plan an article for the May 2024 newsletter, using a photo of the new landscaping taken in April 2024.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

7. Seedling Order

Mara Berry provided an updated on the seedling order, stating that Janet Rueschhoff purchased (125? 150?) ninebark plants to giveaway for Arbor Day 2024.



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BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS: Claire Chosid noted the discarded playground equipment in Millennium Park and wished it could have been reused somehow. Melissa Bradford stated the equipment was at its end of life and would be liability to donate.

The Committee remarked that they appreciate how Janet Rueschhoff sends out the Parks and Historic Preservation Committee agendas to the HEB Committee, so that if there is something relevant to HEB on the PHP agenda, they are aware and can choose to attend.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- 8. Next Meeting scheduled for December 13, 2023**

ADJOURNMENT

RESULT: Motion to Adjourn

MOVER: Hancock

SECONDER: Chosid

AYES: Mara Berry, Claire Chosid, Dorothy Hancock, Gene Rovak

NAYS: None