



AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
HORTICULTURE, ECOLOGY AND
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL- MEETING ROOM 2
AUGUST 21, 2024
4:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from 06/19/2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Article about Gov't Center Landscaping
3. Plein Air Event July 11, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

4. St. Louis County Native Plant Ordinance vs Creve Coeur's Ordinance - Fran Cantor
5. Olive Median Landscaping - Jim Heines
6. New Monarch Butterfly Banners - Jim Heines

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

7. New Staff Liaison

NEXT MEETING DATE

8. Next Meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____



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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Council Liaison David Hoffman **ABSENT**
Staff Liaison Janet Rueschhoff **PRESENT**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of March 20, 2024 Minutes

RESULT: Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2024 MOVER: Claire Chosid SECONDER: Fran Cantor AYES: Mara Berry, Claire Chosid, Fran Cantor, Gene Rovak NAYS: None

2. Approval of 04.10.2024 Minutes

RESULT: Approval of Minutes MOVER: Claire Chosid SECONDER: Fran Cantor AYES: Mara Berry, Claire Chosid, Fran Cantor, Gene Rovak NAYS: None



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Tree City Luncheon recap

Mara shared with the group information about the Tree City luncheon she attended with Janet Rueschhoff on April 25, 2024. This is our 27th year as a Tree City and Mara emphasized one of the requirements needed to be a Tree City was to host an Arbor Day event. For clarification to committee members, the following is the four standards we must meet to be a Tree City:

- an active tree board and/or department
- a tree care ordinance
- a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita
- an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

With the assistance of Public Works, the HEB Committee and the staff liaison, the City has been able to maintain these standards for the past 27 years.

4. Arbor Day Review

The feedback from members present was very positive about this year's Arbor Day Event. It appeared to go smoothly, no glitches, the set up and take down was easy, guests didn't seem to "bottleneck" as they tend to do at the Tappmeyer House. The World Bird Sanctuary was a big hit.

It was mentioned that the event could be shortened by 30 minutes as guests were getting restless and everyone left once the awards were distributed. The members present agreed to host next year's event from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The idea was suggested that we continue to host the event at the Gov't Center instead of Millennium Park going forward. Some benefits include more room to view the art entries, weather would not be a factor and set up is much easier. On the other hand, we draw crowd participation from people who are visiting the park on that day for other reasons.



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At the conclusion of the discussion, members present thought we should host Arbor Day at Millennium Park and then the Gov't Center every other year.

The committee was reminded that extra funds needed to be requested to have World Bird Sanctuary attend verses when we have Babaloo and/or the photo booth.

5. Gov't Center New Landscaping

Mara informed the committee members that the Gov't Center landscaping would be featured in the August Newsletter showing before and after photos and the article would address why the renovation was done and the benefits to the improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Committee Member Term Ends

Mara informed the committee that two members have served their term on the Committee. Dorothy Hancock has been on the committee for three years and does not wish to be re-appointed due to other commitments in her life.

Claire Chosid has served as Vice Chair on the committee for 3 consecutive terms. The Committee thanks her for her service and extends an open invitation for her to continue to attend meetings whenever possible. Her expertise and knowledge has been greatly appreciated over the years.

Two new members were appointed to the HEB Committee:

Carol Mueller (in attendance)
Danielle Singer

7. New Vice Chair for HEB

Paulette Pierson has agreed to be the Vice Chair of the committee.

8. Plein Air Art Event

Mara informed the committee about the Plein Air Art Event that will be occurring July 6-10. The event concludes on Thursday, July 11, with a reception at the Tappmeyer



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House beginning at 5:00 p.m.

In an attempt to interconnect committees, Mara asked the committee if they could think of a way in which the HEB could help with this event. The group discussion concluded that a support role would probably be the best fit. Mara indicated that she will communicate with PHP to offer our assistance if needed for the event.

Mara also indicated she will try to attend the next PHP meeting to report back.

9. Meeting schedule for FY25

Mara discussed with the member present the meeting schedule for FY25. The schedule is as follows:

August 21, 2024

October 16, 2024

December 18, 2024

February 19, 2025

March 19, 2025

April - before the Arbor Day Event

June 18, 2025

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

Fran Cantor mentioned to the committee that St. Louis County has adopted an Ordinance for Native Planting and thought the City may want to revise their ordinances to reflect these new changes. Mara asked Fran to spearhead this project by providing the committee with a recap of the new county ordinance and what would need to be updated in the City's ordinance.

With all the park renovations, the HEB Committee would be interested in reviewing the Venable Park landscape plan. Janet indicated she will communicate this to Jason Valvero.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting will be August 21, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT



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RESULT: Motion to Adjourn

MOVER: Fran Cantor

SECONDER: Gene Rovak

AYES: M. Berry; C. Chosid, G. Rovak, F. Cantor

NAYS: None