



**Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
October 13, 2015
4:30 PM
Meeting Room 2**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Approval of September 8, 2015 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Emerald Ash Borer Subcommittee Update***
 - B. Arbor Day Celebration Planning Update***
 - C. Farmers Market Plant Swap Update***
 - D. Creve Coeur Golf Course Recommendation Update***
 - 1. Memo to Mayor & Council Re Golf Course**
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Business from Members**
- 8. Business from Staff Liaison**
 - A. Citizen Government Center Tour - Oct 22, 5:30 PM***
 - B. Joint HEB, Parks & Historic Preservation & Arts Committees Stakeholder Meeting Visioning Session, Nov 4, 5:30 PM***
 - C. Next HEB Meeting - Nov 10, 4:30 PM***
 - D. MDC Emerald Ash Borer Public Presentation - Nov 19, 7 PM***
- 9. Adjourn**



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Fran Cantor	Board Member	
Susan Baseley	Board Member	
Rachel Eilbott	Board Member	
Tracy Grass	Board Member	
Nancy Meyer	Board Member	
Margie Richards	Board Member	
James Graham	Board Member	
Claire Chosid		(Absent)
AJ Wang	Councilman	(Absent)
Sharon Stott	Asst to the City Administrator	(Absent)
Andrea Muskopf	HR Asst	

Also present: Intern Luis Garcia

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

Tracy Grass moved to accept the minutes from the HEB meeting on August 18, 2015. James Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of August 18, 2015 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [6 TO 0]
AYES:	Baseley, Eilbott, Grass, Meyer, Richards, Graham
ABSENT:	Chosid
AWAY:	Cantor

5. Unfinished Business

A. Emerald Ash Borer Subcommittee Update

Tracy Grass briefly discussed the subcommittee meeting highlights from September 8, 2015.

- Subcommittee determined that there will be a short article in the October newsletter and will pursue an insert in a future newsletter.
- The October newsletter will be a teaser telling residents to watch for more information in the November and December newsletters.

B. Arbor Day Celebration - May 1, 2016 1-3 PM

The Committee reviewed the Arbor Day Art Contest flyer. Tracy Grass talked to the Parkway Fine Arts Coordinator regarding the low participation of Parkway students. The participation level may be a

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result of the date conflict with the art contest at Queeny Park.

Action Items:

- There will be no changed to the dates related to the Arbor Day Art Contest.
- Rachel Eilbott, Fran Cantor, and Tracy Grass will reach out to the same schools as last year. They will contact the schools again to see how many entries can be expected.
- Sharon Stott will mail and/or email the flyers to the school contacts.
- Committee Members will check with the following organizations for their availability for the Arbor Day event:
 - Sue Baseley will contact the Danforth Center.
 - Fran Cantor will contact Renewal by Anderson, Audubon, and Powder Valley.
 - Nancy Meyer will contact Wild Ones.
- More thematic temporary tattoos (i.e. sun, nature, ecology, etc.) will be used at the Arbor Day event.

C. Farmers Market Plant Swap - Oct 10, 2015 7:30 AM-12 PM

Katie Dixon, Farmers Market Manager, would like HEB members to bring three plants to swap on Saturday, October 10 from 8 AM to 12 PM.

Action Items:

- The following members will bring plants:
 - Nancy Meyer
 - Margie Richards
 - Fran Cantor
 - Rachel Eilbott
 - Sue Baseley
 - James Graham
 - Tracy Grass
- The volunteer schedule for the plant swap is as follows:
 - 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM - Tracy Grass
 - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Rachel Eilbott
 - 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Margie Richards
 - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Nancy Meyer
- Andrea Muskopf will contact Katie Dixon to confirm that the plant swap will appear in the October newsletter, that the article will state that invasive plants will not be accepted, and with the list of volunteers.

6. New Business

A. Upcoming Meetings

Action Items

- Andrea Muskopf will send all RSVPs to appropriate city staff person.

i. Golf Course Needs Assessment - Sept 16, 2015, 6-7 PM

Attending: Tracy Grass, Sue Baseley, and Nancy Meyer

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ii. Comprehensive Plan Update Public Workshop - Sept 21, 2015 6:30-8:30 PM

Attending: Tracy Grass, Sue Baseley, and Fran Cantor
Maybe: Nancy Meyer

iii. Required Biennial Ethics Training - Oct 12, 2015 6-7 PM

Attending: Tracy Grass, Sue Baseley, Fran Cantor, James Graham, Margie Richards, Nancy Meyer, and Rachel Eilbott
Unknown: Claire Chosid

iv. Comprehensive Plan Update Stakeholder Focus Group - Nov 4, 2015 5:30 PM

Attending: Tracy Grass, Sue Baseley, James Graham, and Nancy Meyer

Action Items:

- Subcommittee was established to review the objectives of the HEB and compare the objectives to the existing Comprehensive Plan. The subcommittee will meeting prior to the regular HEB meeting on October 13, 2015.
 - Subcommittee Members:
 - Sue Baseley
 - Nancy Meyer
 - Fran Cantor
 - Tracy Grass

v. HEB Meeting - Nov 10, 2015 4:30 PM

7. Business from Members

Tracy Grass provided the committee with an update on her meetings with Mayor Glantz and AJ Wang.

8. Business from Staff Liaison

Intern Luis Garcia introduced himself to the Committee and provided an overview of his work on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Phase II of the Climate Action Plan.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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**Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee**

Meeting: 10/13/15 04:30 PM
Department: Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee

Category: Report

Prepared By: Sharon Stott

Department Head: Sharon Stott

SCHEDULED

STAFF REPORT

Memo to Mayor & Council Re Golf Course



To: The Honorable Mayor Barry Glantz and City Council
 From: Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee (HEB)
 Subject: Creve Coeur Golf Course
 Date: August 19, 2016

It was brought to the attention of the HEB committee by our Council Liaison A.J. Wang that there is discussion among council of selling all or part of the Golf Course in order to finance the renovation or rebuilding of the Government Center.

The citizen members of the HEB committee were shocked to hear that our city leaders have been discussing selling off an important asset belonging to all residents of our city. The golf course is a green space, while not used by all citizens, serves as a legacy for future people of Creve Coeur. It is a habitat for native wildlife such as purple martins, as well as many other flora and fauna. Once such a green space is sold, you can never get it back.

Having amenities such as a golf course increases the marketability of all homes and businesses in Creve Coeur. It is a source of pride, even for those who are not currently avid golfers.

We are aware of the financial challenges currently facing the golf course. We get it! However, we do not consider selling off an asset as unique as the golf course a best practice in the long term interest of our city.

We expect that you, as responsible city leaders, will generate other options to finance the possible renovations without jeopardizing our city's irreplaceable green space.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Grass, Chair
 Susan Baseley, Vice Chair
 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee