



**Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
March 15, 2016
4:30 PM
Meeting Room 2**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Approval of February 9, 2016 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Street Tree List Subcommittee Update***
 - 1. Approval of February 23, 2016 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - B. Arbor Day Update***
 - C. Beautification Contest Update***
 - D. Chair Position***
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Business from Members**
- 8. Business from Staff Liaison**
- 9. Comments from the Public**

(Citizens are asked to limit comments to three minutes and to complete a speaker card)
- 10. Adjourn**



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of January 12, 2016 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

- James Graham moved to accept the meeting summary from January 12, 2016. Nancy Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Arbor Day 2016 Update

Committee discussed Arbor Day event planning:

- Claire Chosid, Fran Cantor, Nancy Meyer, Margie Richards, James Graham, Tracy Grass and Sharon Stott will be in attendance on May 1. Rachel Eilbott does not know yet. Sue Baseley will not be present as a committee member.
- Committee asked if Bess McCoy, Public Information Officer & Management Analyst, can take photographs.
- The Arts Committee has agreed to judge the art contest.
- Supplies needed for treasure hunt include paper and pencils. Committee suggested younger children could draw a picture of what they found.
- Danny Moncheski, Community Forester, has agreed to attend the event. Committee suggested Mr. Moncheski bringing a wood sample of an ash tree damaged by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a sample insect, EAB informational flyers, tree planting flyers, and a live tree planting demonstration at 2 p.m. day of event of how to properly plant a tree.
- Danforth Plant Science Center attendance is unknown.
- Sharon Stott stated Republic Services will donate 100 sunflower and 100 wildflower seed packets to distribute at the event.

Action Items:

Tracy Grass:

- Pick up one flat (49 plants; 2" x 5" pots) of assorted milkweed plants on April 16 from the Kirkwood Train Station to give away.

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- Contact teenagers, chairs of the Energy and Environment, Arts, and Parks & Historic Preservation committees, Barbara McCormick and Susie Brent to see if they are interested in volunteering at the event.

Claire Chosid:

- Contact teenagers seeking volunteers.
- Ensure the bamboo poles used to hang artwork are still in the basement of the Tappmeyer House.
- Select a location in Millennium Park to plant a tree.

Margie Richards

- Work with Fran Cantor will develop a treasure hunt activity for the event. Notify Tracy Grass at least one week prior to the event about activities.

Fran Cantor

- Work with Margie Richards to develop a treasure hunt activity for the event.
- Invite a kosher food truck to the event.

Sharon Stott

- Notify Mr. Moncheski of HEB's recommendations for his role at Arbor Day event.
- Check Bess McCoy's availability to take pictures.
- Follow up again with Jason Valvero about the photobooth and Renewal by Andersen sponsorship.

B. Emerald Ash Borer Update

Tracy Grass provided an update to members about the City Council Work Session on January 25, 2016.

- Mark Grueber and Danny Moncheski presented to council about the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
 - Recommended having a "no plant" tree list and diversifying tree species planted to minimize changes of overplanting any species.
 - \$25,000 grant is available to help with EAB management planning and training.
- James Graham, Tracy Grass and Sue Baseley were HEB members in attendance. Sharon Stott and Jim Heines, Director of Public Works were also in attendance.
- Jim Heines stated at the work session:
 - With current staffing levels, it would take approximately seven years to remove all ash trees from parks and right-of-ways.
 - Some larger trees 15" or larger, may be treated to keep them alive until removal can be arranged.
 - Trees 10" or smaller will be removed.
 - Staff may use a different vendor for street trees.
 - Trees would be smaller and cost for street tree program could be offset 80/20 instead of current 50/50. Tree cost would include a gator bag to assist in keeping trees well-watered.

i. Replacement Tree List

Committee discussed ways to assist the City with new tree list. Discussion included:

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- Meeting with City Arborist, Doug Seely, to develop a tree list of 30 trees. Each year the city would alternate a list of 10 trees to ensure planting diversity in the city.
- Subcommittee consisting of Claire Chosid, Nancy Meyers, James Graham, Tracy Grass and possibly Fran Cantor will attempt to meet with Doug Seely possibly the week of February 22 to help develop the list during his normal business hours.
- Claire Chosid will check whether the Missouri Botanical Garden has a list of recommended trees.
- Margie Richards asked why the fringe tree was listed in the Street Tree Report submitted by Doug Seely. Committee discussed that it was unknown at the time the list was created a couple of years ago that the fringe tree may be a host to the EAB.

C. Committee Vacancies

Committee discussed vacancies on the HEB:

- Sue Baseley (HEB Vice-Chair) became ineligible for HEB membership with her appointment to City Council - Ward 4 on January 25.
- Tracy Grass last day on the committee will be May 1, 2016 following the Arbor Day event.
- Committee discussed nominations for new vice-chair.
 - Nancy Meyer moved to nominate Claire Chosid as the new vice-chair to serve until June 30, 2016. Rachel Eilbott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Claire Chosid said she would be willing to serve as vice-chair in FY17 if Fran Cantor was chair. She is already serving on several other committees for other entities.
- Sharon Stott stated she had discussed vacancies with Mark Perkins about the ordinance (#5391) from 2014, and the possibility of being without a chair. In the event the chair is not available, the vice-chair assumes chair responsibilities. Sharon stated the intent of ordinance (#5391) whereby term limits are set for chair and vice-chair positions is to encourage all members to assume a role in leadership role to provide leadership opportunities and generate new ideas.
- No HEB members expressed an interest in the forthcoming chair vacancy.
- Tracy Grass said she would reach out to Susie Brent and Barbara McCormick to see if they would be interested in applying to be a HEB member. She encouraged members to reach out to others who may be interested.
- An article will appear in the March newsletter spotlighting HEB and its open positions. The City website and Facebook and Twitter accounts have also posted there are openings.

D. Beautification Contest Update

- No discussion occurred.

5. New Business

A. Reschedule March Meeting

- Tracy Grass stated she is unable to attend the March 8 meeting.
- Meeting was rescheduled for March 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 2.

6. Business from Members

- Claire Chosid applied for a \$500 St. Louis Earth Day grant to plant a butterfly garden at the Creve Coeur Golf Course.

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- The St. Louis Earth Day has \$10,000 in funds to give away for different projects.
- Notice of award recipients should be known by April 1.

7. Business from Staff Liaison

A. Horticulturalist Research

- Sharon Stott reminded HEB members the information they requested pertaining to horticulturist job descriptions and survey responses about cities with horticulturalists is available to members via Drop Box.
- In addition, Sharon Stott shared the research about the history of using volunteer gardeners to assist with Kirkwood, Webster Groves and St. Louis County suggested by guest Susie Brent at the January meeting.
 - Rachel Eilbott asked Sharon to forward the document to her so she can send it to Susie for her information.

8. Comments from the Public

- No comments from the public.

9. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.
- The next meeting of the HEB will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m., in Meeting Room #2.

A. Parking Lot Items

- i. **Hire City Horticulturalist**
- ii. **Endangered Trees**
- iii. **City Parks/Property Plantings**
- iv. **Certified Nature Explorer Classroom**
- v. **Field Trips**

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2. Roll Call

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Rachel Eilbott	Board Member	(Absent)
Tracy Grass	Chair	
Nancy Meyer	Board Member	
Margie Richards	Board Member	(Absent)
James Graham	Board Member	
Claire Chosid	Vice-Chair	
Doug Seely	Foreman I/Arborist	

3. New Business

A. Discuss Street Tree List

The HEB subcommittee met to collaborate with Doug Seely about the street tree list for the City of Creve Coeur.

The goal of this meeting was to collaborate on a diversified extended list of compact, medium size and large trees appropriate for street trees in Creve Coeur. This is specifically in proactive response to the oncoming Emerald Ash Borer.

Factors Considered:

- Trees which are susceptible to known diseases were excluded.
- Trees with invasive tendencies were excluded.
- Trees near or above recommended maximum percentage of population in Creve Coeur were excluded.
- Native Missouri varieties were included when possible.
- Trees known to provide shade and collect rain water were included.
- Trees which can be successfully grown by amateurs were included.
- Trees which drop hazardous materials (seed pods, large nuts, thorny limbs) were excluded.
- Trees known to do well in urban environments without attracting deer were included.
- Trees thought to be commonly available in nursery stock were included.

List of Recommended Replacement Street Trees for Creve Coeur:

Small Size:

1. Flowering Crab Apple - red (currently on replacement list)
2. Flowering Crab Apple - white (currently on replacement list)
3. Red Bud (currently on replacement list)
4. Allegheny Serviceberry (native)
5. Red Buckeye (native)
6. Snowdrift Crabapple
7. American Smoke Tree
8. Sweetbay Magnolia



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9. European Filbert
10. Hyan Cherry
11. Japanese Tree Lilac

Medium Size:

1. Hophornbeam (currently on replacement list)
2. Sassafras (native, currently on replacement list)
3. Kwanzan Cherry (currently on replacement list)
4. American Hophornbeam (native)
5. Alder (native)
6. Turkish Filbert
7. Red Horsechestnut
8. Chinese Pistache

Large Size:

1. Japanese Zelkova (currently on replacement list)
2. Hackberry (currently on replacement list)
3. Sugarberry (currently on replacement list)
4. American Beech (currently on replacement list)
5. Bald Cypress (native)
6. Tulip Tree (native)
7. Common Persimmon (native)
8. Black Gum (native)
9. London Planetree
10. Kentucky Coffeetree
11. European Beech
12. Cucumbertree Magnolia
13. Chinese Elm (not susceptible to Dutch Elm disease)

The HEB subcommittee discussed the possibility of meeting again to discuss notes regarding these trees which could be valuable to homeowners if stated on the website.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2 p.m.