



**Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
September 21, 2016
4:30 PM
Meeting Room 1**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Approval of July 13, 2016 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Reclaiming City Park Access***
 - B. Government Center Landscaping***
- 6. New Business**
 - A. City Park Tour Proposal***
 - B. Dielmann Complex Landscaping***
 - C. Arbor Day Event 2017***
 - D. Farmers Market Plant Swap***
- 7. Business from Members**
- 8. Business from Staff Liaison**
 - A. City Council Work Session - Sep 26, 2016 6:00 PM***
 - B. Draft Comprehensive Plan Update***
- 9. Comments from the Public**

(Citizens are asked to limit comments to three minutes and to complete a speaker card)
- 10. Adjourn**
 - A. Parking Lot Items:***
 - i. Invasive Plant Control**



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July 13, 2016
4:30 AM
Meeting Room 2

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Fran Cantor	Board Member	
Rachel Eilbott	Board Member	(Absent)
Nancy Meyer	Board Member	
Margie Richards	Board Member	
James Graham	Chair	
Claire Chosid	Vice Chair	(Absent)
Sharon Stott	Asst to the City Administrator	
Robert Hoffman	Councilman	
Jim Heines	Public Works Director	

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of June 8, 2016 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fran Cantor, Board Member
SECONDER:	Nancy Meyer, Board Member
AYES:	Cantor, Meyer, Richards, Graham
ABSENT:	Eilbott, Chosid

4. Unfinished Business

A. Street Tree List for RFP

Jim Heines, Director of Public Works, shared the recently updated street tree list with HEB members. The city will be going out for bid for trees (15-gallon size) to replace ash trees in public right-of-ways and in city parks. The city will begin cutting ash trees down due to the pending Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. Replacement trees will be planted in the fall to provide the best chance for tree survival.

Because the list is extensive and to allow a diversified approach to planting, Jim recommended alternating trees each year for the three-year contract to keep the variety of trees to a reasonable size for the successful bidder.

Committee asked if residents can participate in the tree purchase on their personal property. Jim said that would be a decision of the City Council. He stated the City Council could consider allowing residents to purchase replacement trees at 100% of the city cost instead of the 50%-50% cost share for the trees on public land. Discussion of the EAB program will be at a future Council meeting.

Committee members agreed that rotating the trees offered each year would diversify the tree population. Committee recommended ensuring the list for each year offers a native tree in each size category (small, medium, large). Jim Heines and Sharon Stott will update the list noting native trees and alternate the tree species offered so the bid process can proceed.



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Jim Heines said the purple coneflowers planted in the medians along New Ballas Road have either died or are not performing well. He asked if any committee members would be interested in suggesting a perennial replacement for the purple coneflowers. Fran Cantor said she and Claire Chosid would be interested. Jim Heines said he could provide a list of perennials that can survive the salt from the streets.

B. Mayors' Monarch Pledge Update

Sharon Stott said HEB had met all of the action items pledged as part of the National Wildlife Federation Mayors' Monarch Pledge. The final item, in the form of a resolution accepting the Climate Action Plan - Phase II, will be presented to City Council on July 25 for consideration which will fulfill action item #22 *"Intergrade monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans."*

Sharon Stott submitted a draft of the HEB annual report to Jim Graham for review. The annual report outlines all of the projects the HEB worked on in fiscal year 2016 including the action items completed for the Mayors' Monarch Pledge.

The deadline to achieve the action items is October 2, 2016. Sharon Stott will contact the NWF to find out about the recognition provided to the Mayor for the achievement.

C. Invasive Weed Control Action Items

The committee discussed how invasive plants (honeysuckle, Callery spp) have overcome parks. Discussion continued in Reclaiming City Park Access.

D. Reclaiming City Park Access

Jim Graham discussed the draft he wrote, "Reclaiming Our City Parks", to the City Council to encourage expanding existing parks by recovering inaccessible areas due to overgrowth of invasive plants including honeysuckle and Callery spp. The draft document includes recommendations for City staff to clear areas, add mulch and establish native grasses and plants. It also includes action plan for 2016.

Council member Bob Hoffman said the committee's suggestions would be challenging for Public Works to accomplish with existing staff levels when balancing needs in the city such as road improvements, leaf and limb pick up, and other general park maintenance.

Committee discussed submitting the recommendation as a long-range goal with short-range goals that could be more manageable.

Fran Cantor moved, second by Nancy Meyer to approve the draft with minor edits. Motion passed unanimously. The final draft will be discussed at the next HEB meeting.

5. New Business

A. Education Plan for Natives

Claire Chosid was not present at the meeting. The committee decided to postpone discussion until the next meeting.

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B. Landscape Ideas for Government Center

Claire Chosid was not present at the meeting. The committee decided to postpone discussion until the next meeting.

6. Business from Members

Jim Graham asked if committee members wanted to meet in August. Committee decided to cancel meeting in August.

Due to vacations and religious holidays in September and October, the HEB meetings will be rescheduled to September 21 and October 19. Both meetings will be held in Meeting Room 1.

Sharon Stott stated the committee needs to elect a chair and vice-chair for the new fiscal year.

Fran Cantor moved, seconded by Nancy Meyer to nominate Jim Graham as Chair, and Claire Chosid as Vice-Chair for fiscal year 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Business from Staff Liaison

Sharon Stott informed the committee that Mayor Glantz, President of City Council Ellen Lawrence and committee chairs would be conducting nominating committee meetings in the next couple of weeks.

8. Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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