



**Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
November 9, 2016
4:30 PM
Meeting Room 2**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Approval of July 13, 2016 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - 2. Approval of September 21, 2016 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - 3. Approval of October 18, 2016 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Unfinished Business**
 - A. HEB & PHP Mutual Interest Ideas***
 - B. Arbor Day Update - 4/30/17***
- 5. New Business**
 - A. Farmers Market Plant Swap 2017***
 - B. Fall Festival Proposal 2017***
- 6. Business from Members**
- 7. Business from Staff Liaison**
 - A. Ward 1 Council Member***
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing - 6:30P, 11/21/17***
 - C. Holiday Appreciation Event - 6-8P, 12/6/17***
 - D. Strategic Planning Initiative***
- 8. Comments from the Public**

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



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July 13, 2016
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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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September 21, 2016
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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Fran Cantor	Board Member	(Absent)
Rachel Eilbott	Board Member	
Nancy Meyer	Board Member	(Absent)
Margie Richards	Board Member	
James Graham	Chair	
Claire Chosid	Vice Chair	(Absent)
Sue Cohen	Board Member	(Absent)
Teresa Bell	Board Member	
Robert Hoffman	Councilman	
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A quorum was not present. No business was conducted. Discussion included:

Reclaiming City Park Access - Committee discussed the importance of desire of residents to communicate what they want to see in City parks.

City Park Tour Proposal - Committee thinks it would be helpful to visit all the parks in Creve Coeur to better understand what they offer.

Arbor Day Event 2017 - Committee discussed two possible dates of Sunday April 30 or May 7, 2017. Sharon Stott will check availability and reserve the Tappmeyer House/Millennium Park Pavilion.

Farmers Market Plant Swap - Katie Dixon had asked if the Committee would be interested in hosting a plant swap again on October 1. Many committee members donated plants last year. Given several members were out sick, Jim thought it would be best to decline participation this year.

City Council Work Session - All committee chairs are scheduled to meet with the Mayor and City Council at the work session on Monday, September 26 at 6 p.m. to provide an overview of last year's activities and upcoming projects/plans.

Draft Comprehensive Plan - The draft of the Comprehensive Plan update is available for review on the City at <http://www.creve-coeur.org/index.aspx?nid=179>

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5. Unfinished Business

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- 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

10. Adjourn

A. Parking Lot Items:

- i. Invasive Plant Control

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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Rachel Eilbott	Committee Member	
Nancy Meyer	Committee Member	
Margie Richards	Committee Member	
James Graham	Chair	
Claire Chosid	Vice Chair	(Absent)
Sue Cohen	Committee Member	(Absent)
Teresa Bell	Committee Member	
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3. Unfinished Business

A. Citywide Park Tour 9-11:30A

HEB Committee members toured the following City parks: Malcolm Terrace, Berne, Conway and Lake School between 9 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.

B. Tour Recap - Meeting Room #2 11:30A-12:30P

Tour recap discussion included:

- Focus on recommendation to Parks & Historic Preservation (PHP) Committee for landscape and vegetation in parks including removal of invasive plants and long-term maintenance and control.
- Find out who planted the prairie garden in Conway and recommend something similar at Millennium Park in the drainage ditch.
- There is a Missouri Department of Conservation Program for clearing in suburban and rural areas. Research and understand how to create something similar within Creve Coeur with citizen volunteers.
- Learn more about the tree replacement plan in City parks. While there is a Street Tree Program, the list is designed for “streets” and there are more species that can be used in park settings.
- Make recommendation to PHP to pursue use of a professional landscape design consultant for Dielmann Complex and Government Center.
- Suggest to PHP to replace areas in parks or Golf Course with demonstration butterfly gardens with recommendations by the Missouri Botanical Garden. Consider making a joint recommendation to Council.
- Some middle and high school students partner with universities to clean parks and plant gardens as community service projects.
- Recommend to Capital Improvement Plan or Comprehensive Plan update to include signage, trail signs and maps to provide better navigation within the parks.

Other discussion included:

- Send the letter and flyer to schools about the Arbor Day event.
- Suggest someone at the Danforth Plant Science Center write an article in the Creve Coeur residential newsletter about the native plantings in front of building to explain why it appears

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“messy” and explain what they are doing and the maturity process of native plants.

- The HEB meeting for tomorrow is canceled. No quorum will be present.
- The next HEB meeting will be November 9 at 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room #2.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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