



Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
September 9, 2020
4:30 PM
Online Meeting

1. ZOOM Meeting

As a precautionary measure to help prevent exposure and spread of COVID-19, the Horticulture, Ecology and Beatification Committee scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 4:30 pm will be live streamed online.

The Government Center meeting rooms are closed to the public; however, citizens are encouraged to participate and submit public comments in the following ways:

1. Video Livestream - Watch a live video broadcast of the HEB meeting here
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87524586910?pwd=K3p3eTBtK3RaRlpBdEpwVFplbDM2Zz09>

The public will be required to provide a name and email address to enter the meeting. The email address will not be saved or used to contact you. Citizens will have the opportunity to make public comments live during the meeting using the video live stream program (How to Participate in Online Public Meetings).

2. Teleconference - Call in to the meeting by dialing +1-312-626-6799.
Meeting ID: 875 2458 6910
Passcode: 247741

3. Email - Public comment may also be emailed to Janet Rueschhoff, Human Resources Generalist, no later than 4:00 pm the day prior to the meeting. Submit public comments to Janet Rueschhoff at jrueschhoff@crevecoeurmo.gov

A. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

A. Welcome New Committee Member

B. Welcome New Council Liaison

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of July 8, 2020 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

4. Unfinished Business

A. Deer Management in City

- i. City Park Hunting
- ii. Erin Shank MDC input

B. Landscaping Medians

5. New Business



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- A. Invasive Plant initiatives for Parks & Residences***
- B. Emerald Ash Borer***
- C. Tree Management in Parks***

6. Comments from the Public

(Citizens are asked to limit comments to three minutes and to complete a speaker card)

7. Business from Members

8. Business from Staff Liaison

- A. BJC landscape plans for review***

9. Adjourn



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Fran Cantor	Committee Member	
Rachel Eilbott	Committee Member	
Nancy Meyer	Committee Member	
James Graham	Chair	
Claire Chosid	Vice Chair	(Absent)
Teresa Bell	Committee Member	(Absent)
Paulette Pierson	Committee Member	
Mara Berry	Committee Member	
James Berry	Committee Member	
Janet Rueschhoff	Human Resources Generalist	

Due to extreme circumstances regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held electronically. The following committee members participated through Zoom visual recordings and votes were recording using this method: Fran Cantor, Rachel Eilbott, Nancy Meyer, James Berry, Mara Berry, and Janet Rueschhoff. Additional, the following committee members participated through Zoom utilizing their phones and votes were recorder verbally: Jim Graham and Paulette Pierson.

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of June 10, 2020 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

2. Approve Minutes from June 10, 2020

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fran Cantor, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Nancy Meyer, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Eilbott, Meyer, Graham, Pierson, Berry
ABSENT:	Chosid, Bell, Berry

4. Unfinished Business

A. Median Design-Olive Blvd.

Mary Deweese shared with the committee through Zoom, three design options to utilize down Olive Blvd. After each design was presented, the committee discussed pro's and con's regarding each design. The committee then picked the design they preferred and asked Jim Heines, Director of Public Works to give his opinion on which design would be the most cost effective and easily maintained by his staff.

The majority of the committee choose the design that matches the N. New Ballas Road median design. Jim Heines, Director of Public Works, raised the concerns regarding the volume of coleus that would need planting every year and the cost. Mary indicated that the plantings can be spaced



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further apart to create a fuller bush effect and suggested we could utilize red barberry in alternating pattern. This would offer form during the winter months. Concerns were addressed about plants being salt resistant. Yarrow would be used as the filler and Mary suggested we start with a test patch for one year to see how it would do. Majority of the committee felt that trees would not be needed at this time in the plantings.

B. Honeysuckle Recog Letter

The committee is ready to implement the acknowledgement for honeysuckle removal. Janet will change one word in the introduction from "congratulate" to "acknowledge" and when the letter is ready to sign, notify Jim Graham to stop by the Gov't Center to sign. Fran Cantor will get the address of the homeowners and sent to Janet.

5. New Business

A. Millennium Park Basin

A resident, David McCoy, presented to the Committee his concerns over the mowing of the basin in Millennium Park. David indicated that the mowing destroys so much of the native plants and flowers for the wildlife and environment and wanted to discuss alternatives. David provided before and after photos of the mowing.

Control burns and later mowing times were proposed as a solution.

Jim Heines, Director of Public Works, provided an explanation for the mowing process in the basin. His team of employees had spent many weeks ridding the area of wild Bradford Pear trees which had over grown the area. One way to manage the clearing of invasive plants such as pear trees and honeysuckle is mowing. MSD instructed the city to maintain the swells by cleaning out any debris. The bottom of the basin is designed to hold water for 72 hours prior to draining completely and then drying. In order for Jim's crew to get in there for the cleaning, it must be dry and July and August are the best times for this. Any later and there is not enough manpower to take care of the swells and leaf vac which can start around September.

There are no resources to design and maintain a "prairie" type basin and without proper management, if seed were thrown, the current weeds could and probably would choke out any attempts to establish. Jim Heines mentioned a plan to seed the rims of the basin with wild flowers. Jim Graham mentioned he may want to do that in "test" sections first to see how well it will establish.

Jim Graham thanked David McCoy for bring this to the committee's attention.

6. Comments from the Public

Jim Graham asked David McCoy to go ahead and speak to the Committee about the proposed Parks and Stormwater Use Tax hoping to be added to the November ballot. David McCoy is a member of the Creve Coeur Parks and Historic Preservation Committee and shared with the HEB Committee information about the use tax scheduled to be on the November ballot and asked for support of it.

7. Business from Members

The article for the August city newsletter drafts were discussed and the members were very happy with Melissa Orschlen's version and approved it to go in the newsletter.

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8. Business from Staff Liaison

Received confirmation from Jim Graham that August's monthly meeting will be cancelled

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2. Adjourn

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Berry, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Rachel Eilbott, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Eilbott, Meyer, Graham, Pierson, Berry
ABSENT:	Chosid, Bell, Berry

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