



Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
November 18, 2020
4:30 PM
Online Meeting

1. ZOOM Meeting

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Password: 630232

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2. Call to Order

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of October 21, 2020 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**

5. Unfinished Business

- A. *Arbor Day*
- B. *Long Term Honesuckle removal success*

6. New Business

- A. *HEB Website review updates needed*
- B. *Other topics*

7. Comments from the Public

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



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8. Business from Members

9. Business from Staff Liaison

A. Deer Articles to publish

December - Watch for Deer While Driving

March - Oh, Deer! Challenges that Deer Cause in Creve Coeur

June - Tips to Keep Deer Out of Your Garden

Aug - Deer Management in Creve Coeur

10. Adjourn



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2. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Jim Graham at 4:31 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Fran Cantor	Committee Member	
Rachel Eilbott	Committee Member	(Absent)
Tracy Grass	Committee Member	(Absent)
Nancy Meyer	Committee Member	
James Graham	Chair	
Claire Chosid	Vice Chair	
Paulette Pierson	Committee Member	
Mara Berry	Committee Member	
James Berry	Committee Member	
Alexis Travers	Council Liaison	
Janet Rueschhoff	Human Resources Generalist	

4. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of September 9, 2020 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Oct 21, 2020 4:30 PM (Approval of Minutes)



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RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fran Cantor, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Mara Berry, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Pierson, Berry, Berry
ABSENT:	Eilbott, Grass

5. Unfinished Business

A. Deer Management 2020

Jim Graham would like the Committee to continue with their Deer Management program by continuing to educate the residents on effective deer management. Jim indicated that the Committee should run the 3 articles again in the newsletter using the same timeline.

It was recommended that Jim review the articles and the Committee update any article to reflect new statistics (for example # of deer harvested for season 20-21, # of accidents with cars. . .)

i. Deer impact

ii. Plants tolerant of deer browsing

iii. MDC - Erin Shank Meeting

Jim Graham indicated he would like to speak with Mr. Perkins, City Administrator, to discuss a format to bring in an expert from MDC to educate the Council and participating residents on effective Deer Management practices. The idea is to have Erin Shank, or someone similar, to do a presentation before Council or possible a ZOOM presentation. Jim will keep the Committee updated.

iv. Hunting Article

6. New Business

A. Tree Management/Green Ash Borer Update

Jim Graham started the meeting by welcoming Jim Heines, Director of Public Works to discuss updates regarding the Green Ash Tree Removal for the City.

Jim Heines reported the City has knocked out several trees in the larger subdivisions. There still remains some random trees in the right of ways, about 199 trees in the parks to remove, and 354 trees in the right of ways to remove.

Jim further informed the committee that Public Works may get a start on these trees in January 2021 after leaf season and is estimating there is a couple of years remaining before this project is completed.

B. Actions for HEB to support City Tree Management

Jim Graham indicated the HEB Committee will maintain interest and support to this project and thanked Jim Heines for the update.

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The Committee asked Jim Heines about the dead trees, in particular, those in Millennium Park. Jim Heines indicated that the City has a small budget for pruning and removal. Currently, the Public Works Department is working on an aggressive trimming process before leaf season begins. For the harder to reach limbs, the City would contract that out, but again the budget for this is small.

The Committee asked Jim Heines what is the best way to resolve issues with dead trees in parking lots, parks, etc. Jim indicated we have a Code Enforcement Officer to take care of those issues. As a Committee, Jim indicated if we notice such situations, to send him or Janet and email with the address of the property and we would forward it on to our Code Enforcement.

Janet Rueschhoff, Staff Liaison, followed up with the Committee about last meetings report from Mara Berry regarding a shopping center where about 15 trees were dead. Janet forwarded the information to the City's Code Enforcement Officer who drove by the site, contacted the property owner, and is in the process of working with the City to replace those dead trees. As it will be a costly project for the property owner, the City has agreed to work with them over time to replace the trees.

Jim Graham thanked Jim Heines again for his time and the information and then asked the Committee if anyone had questions for Jim.

Fran Cantor informed Jim Heines that there are residents that set their yardwaste bags out with NO tags and Republic still picks them up. Since this is a paid service by residents, Fran had concerns that those who do pay for the service (indicated by using bags or tags that are paid for) are being taken advantage of.

It had also been witnessed by a Committee member that Republic had dumped a "yard waste" container in the trash truck rather than the yard waste truck.

There were multiple concerns when the "yard waste" pick up is cancelled for the day and residents have to drag their bags back up to their house until next week.

Jim Heines explained that "yard waste" pick up is not considered a "critical" service and Republic is short on staff so yard waste will not be picked up.

C. Site Management after Honeysuckle removal

Jim Graham provided the Committee Members with a list of "Suitable Replacements for Honeysuckle" prepared by Claire Chosid.

Jim expressed an interest for the Committee to put together a "Plan" in specific detail to publish on the Website for homeowners wanting to remove honeysuckle but not sure where to start and how to finish. The goal would be to discuss site prep, erosion control, how to remove honeysuckle, and site maintenance.

Jim asked the Committee to review the list of replacements plants to see if any others should be added. Fran Cantor suggested the format of the list could be reformatted to separate plants by shade vs sun; native vs non-native; and soil conditions.

Jim Graham asked Claire Chosid if she would work on the changes and formatting of the list and he invited Committee members to provide Claire with their suggestions.



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Mara Berry shared with the Committee information she and Jim Berry obtained through the Audubon Society regarding some Missouri natives that would be good replacements, like Golden Currant and Cephalanthus.

The goal is to have a document put together by the end of the year.

Jim Berry asked the members if they had noticed the landscaping attempts by the Creve Coeur resident who removed all the honeysuckle from his yard. A few Committee members commented on how nice it looks. Jim was curious if the HEB could now send a letter thanking him for his efforts to remove the Honeysuckle. Janet Rueschhoff indicated she will check on the status of his situation and whether it would be appropriate.

D. Arbor Day Plant & School Listing

A discussion was held to determine if it is realistic to hope the HEB Committee could host an Arbor Day Event in April. Claire Chosid mentioned the MDC tree and scrub selections are primarily sold out and was concerned about availability even if we did host an Arbor Day/Art Contest event.

Alexis Travers and Janet Rueschhoff both provided feedback that they did not see the City opening up for group gatherings anytime soon. With that information, the Committee addressed the issue of not having an Arbor Day event in April.

Paulette Pierson suggested to host an event later in the year around the beginning of fall. Alexis will bring the idea to City Council to get their input about a change. Jim Graham indicated this is worth more discussion.

7. Comments from the Public

Tracy Koenig was present by invitation, however no comment(s) were brought forward.

8. Business from Members

A. Native Plant Meeting Report - Fran Cantor

9. Business from Staff Liaison

A. Follow-up on Dead Trees in Commercial lot

Item was addressed during New Business.

10. Adjourn

1. Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM

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