



Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
February 10, 2021
4:30 PM
Online Meeting

1. ZOOM Meeting

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2. Teleconference - Call in to the meeting by dialing +1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 899 7119 7444

Passcode: 977485

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

2. Call to Order

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approval of January 13, 2021 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**

5. Unfinished Business

A. Arbor Day Recap

B. CIP Submitted

6. New Business

A. Deer Tolerant Plants article

B. Park Improvement Plans

C. St. Louis Audubon Society-BCH

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 Harvest Statistics

10. Adjourn



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2. Call to Order

Jim Graham called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Approval of Minutes

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

Minutes from December 9, 2020 are approved with the following amendments:
 Correct spelling of Honeysuckle in section 5-B

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Correct Children to children in section 5-A last paragraph
 Correct months to month's in section 9 last paragraph

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Claire Chosid, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Fran Cantor, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Eilbott, Grass, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Pierson, Berry
ABSENT:	Berry

5. Unfinished Business

A. Arbor Day April 25, 2021

Jim Graham asked the committee if they had any comments regarding the Arbor Day Foundation website Janet Rueschhoff emailed to the Committee for review. This website offered ideas and interactive opportunities for a variety of age groups to celebrate a virtual Arbor Day for 2021. Discussions were as follows:

Mara Berry confirmed that Dan Billman was scheduled to present a virtual presentation on April 25, 2021. She also shared with the Committee an activity booklet for children published by Forest ReLeaf and suggested this might be of value to hand out. The committee discussed ways of "handing" out materials during a the pandemic. The group felt they could be handed out with the seedlings and it would be strictly voluntary give away. Mara will check with Forest ReLeaf to determine how many booklets we could get and if there is any cost associated with it.

The committee discussed having the live Zoom Education Program hosted at 2:00 pm on April 25 and then the seedling/activity booklet pick-up from 4 - 5 pm to following. We will utilize the City's website and Newsletter to publish all the necessary information.

Janet presented to the Committee a mock-up layout for the Newsletter for February to start announcing Arbor Day. The Committee was in favor of the publication and it will go in the February Newsletter and also on the City's website.

The Committee concluded that the Arbor Day Foundation website would be a favorable website to publish for the Virtual Arbor Day. The links to publish would be: "6 Ways to Celebrate Arbor Day in a Time of Social Distancing" and "Carly's Kids Corner" for various activities and educational information.

B. Deer Resistant Plants-Newsletter

Janet Rueschhoff indicated that in March last year, the article that was in the City's Newsletter was "Oh Deer! Challenges that Deer Cause in Creve Coeur". This issue would arrive at homes around the last week in February. The article on Deer Resistant Plants usually goes out closer to planting season.

The committee agreed with keeping the same schedule as last year. Janet will let Melissa Orscheln know to publish the article in March's Newsletter.

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In addition, Janet informed the Committee that the City had a deer hunt in Millennium Park on January 5th and one deer was harvested. The Committee asked if more information can be obtained regarding other hunts throughout the City. Janet indicated she would look into it for the Committee.

6. New Business

A. Tree Selection-N. New Ballas Median

Jim Graham introduced Jim Heines, Director of Public Works, to start the meeting with his updates.

Jim Heines wanted to check-in with the Committee to update them on current and spring plans. He reminded the Committee about the Ash Tree removal plans in the median on N. New Ballas Road in front of the Gov't Center and re-planting based upon the designs by Mary DeWeese. Jim Heines indicated the City will be proceeding with this in early spring and outlined what trees will be used as replacements.

The suggested trees came from the City's Street Tree Planting guide on the City's website. Jim recommended small - medium size trees in groupings of 3's or 5's. The following varieties will be used: Native Redbud, Snowdrift Crabapple, Silver Linden, hop hornbeam and Dogwood.

The Committee discussed concerns about the success of the planting a Dogwood in that space and agreed the Dogwood would not be one of the best choices. As a result, Jim Heines will plant only the four other varieties in the medians.

Jim further informed the Committee some of the Gold Nugget bushes on Ladue will need to be replanted as there appeared to be a soil and/or irrigation problem causing growth issues. Once that is done, they will be working on the median in front of the Gov't Center.

Additionally, the Public Works Department is working on replacing the soil in the planters on Olive Blvd. bridge and confirmed that some of the trees in the parks are being cut and removed.

Fran Cantor asked Jim Heines if he had any ideas for the new CIP proposals for 2022-2026. Jim reminded the members that a CIP is a fluid plan and there are several factors that can influence what gets priority and funding. One item Jim mentioned that would be about a three year project is fixing the irrigation system along Olive Blvd.

B. CIP input for 2022-2026

The Committee was in agreement to submit a CIP proposal to request \$100,000 for repair of the irrigation system along Oliver over a three year period. Jim Graham will put the proposal in writing and send to Janet for submission.

C. Park Improvement Plan

Jim Graham asked members if there were any ideas or suggestions to propose for park improvements. Janet reminded the Committee that Prop C funds were "ear marked" for several of the parks projects listed in the Parks Master Plan document and suggested the members read the document first to help generate any ideas or suggestions.

Jim asked Janet to send the link to that document to everyone after the meeting and this topic can be tabled until next month.

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D. Beautification Contest 2021

With COVID-19 pandemic still continuing and vaccinations just starting, the Committee made the decision to cancel the Beautification Contest until the normal scheduled year of 2022.

Janet will put a small announcement in the Newsletter for February.

Fran Cantor mentioned advertising along with the cancellation, the St. Louis Audubon Society's "Bring Conservation Home" program that offers landscaping advice that promotes healthy habitats for birds, pollinators, and people. Typically, there is a fee associated with this service.

Some members were not interested in adding this piece of information with the cancellation of the Beautification Contest and suggested it be tabled and discussed at a later time.

7. Comments from the Public

Members of the public were not in attendance.

8. Business from Members

No members brought forth any other business for discussion.

9. Business from Staff Liaison

A. Articles for Newsletter

This was discussed in section 5 B of the minutes.

B. Arbor Day Suggestions

This was discussed in section 5 A of the minutes.

C. MDC Community Conservation Grant

Janet mentioned the Missouri Department of Conservation Grant program which promotes urban wildlife habitat improvement available to municipalities in St. Louis County. Claire Chosid had spoken to Mark Perkins, City Administrator, earlier in the day and Janet had Claire share this program with the group. The MDC grant awards between \$3,000 - \$15,000 in lump sum payment. Applications are accepted in June and if awarded the grant, reporting would be required every quarter.

Based upon initial information, Claire was not sure this would be something to recommend to the Committee.

D. CC Park Deer Hunt

Janet informed the members the City had another controlled hunt in the park and one deer was harvested.

The Committee members asked Janet to obtain other deer statistics for the City if possible. For example: other deer killed in neighborhood hunting and how many deer have been struck by cars in the City.

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10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

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SECONDER:	Paulette Pierson, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Eilbott, Grass, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Pierson
ABSENT:	Berry, Berry

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