



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

**1. Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID:** 865 0818 0752

**Passcode:** 039334

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**2. Call to Order**

**3. Roll Call**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

1. **Approval of February 10, 2021 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**

**5. Unfinished Business**

**A. Arbor Day Review Activities**

**B. CIP Request Status Report**

**6. New Business**

**A. Tree Replacement Program**

**B. Emerald Green Estates Tree Planting**

**C. MDC Native Landscape Workshops**

**D. MO Invasive Plants Report**

**E. New HEB Chair**

**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. Tree City USA Application*

*B. Deer Statistics from PD*

**10. Adjourn**



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## 2. Call to Order

Jim Graham called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:32 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           |
| Janet Rueschhoff | Human Resources Generalist |
| Alexis Travers   | Council Liaison (Absent)   |

## 4. Approval of Minutes

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



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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mara Berry, Committee Member                                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Claire Chosid, Vice Chair                                            |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Cantor, Eilbott, Grass, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Pierson, Berry, Berry |

## 5. Unfinished Business

### A. Arbor Day Recap

Jim Graham asked for an update on the Virtual Arbor Day event for April 25, 2021.

**Activity/ Coloring Book handout** - Mara Berry informed the Committee the coloring/activity books (\$8.00 a piece) were too expensive to purchase for a hand out to the public. We could advertise the Activity pages on the Arbor Day virtual site for the children to utilize as an activity.

**Speaker - Dan Billman** - Mara confirmed Dan Billman's availability to host a Zoom Webinar. Since Dan has a repertoire of subjects he has taught, Mara felt he could pick a topic that would be suited for an Arbor Day event and allow for Q & A's. Dan's fee will be \$200 for 30 min's.

It was suggested that a time be set up to practice the Zoom presentation with Dan. Mara and Janet will coordinate this effort. Mara will provide a detailed biography of Dan's credentials for advertising the event on the City's website and City Newsletter for April.

**Plant handout** - Estimate the plant handout will be done between 4 - 5 PM on April 25 at Millennium Park. Need to assign volunteers for this.

**Virtual Arbor Day Website** - Janet will have Melissa Orscheln advertise the **Arbor Day Foundation** website on the City's website and City's Newsletter for April.

### B. CIP Submitted

Jim Graham informed the Committee that our CIP recommendation has been submitted to the City for consideration.

## 6. New Business

### A. Deer Tolerant Plants article

Jim Graham discussed the deer articles to run in the City's Newsletter. The March issue did not have enough room to publish "Living with Deer" article due to articles on all the candidates running for Mayor and Council filled the newsletter. Jim indicated hope to put the Deer Tolerant Plant article in the May Newsletter as this will be ideal timing for residents getting ready to plant and garden.

Claire Chosid asked if the Committee could get detailed information regarding deer statistics for the city. She has seen one in years past. Janet will contact Captain Koncki at PD to see if there is a report to share with the committee.

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**B. Park Improvement Plans**

Jim Graham asked the Committee Members if they have had an opportunity to read over the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It appeared most of the members had read some to all of the Plan and expressed disappointment that little to nothing was mentioned about tree planting/maintenance. The Committee would like to be able to provide feedback on this Plan. Janet indicated she would communicate this information to Jason Valvero, Director of Recreation, and will provide feedback to the committee next month.

**C. St. Louis Audubon Society-BCH**

Fran Cantor has suggested the Committee promote- Bring Conservation Home - to city residents. This program would offer services to residents of Creve Coeur at a reduced rate. The services include reviewing a residents yard and prepare a detailed report for the resident on ways to improve their yards for natural habitat and planting with natives. The consensus of the Committee was to have this program re-introduced to residents in August/September. Jim Graham asked Fran if she would start a draft for the newsletter detailing this program.

**7. Comments from the Public**

No one was present from the public for comment.

**8. Business from Members**

No other business was discussed.

**9. Business from Staff Liaison**

**A. Deer Harvest Statistics**

Janet Rueschhoff shared information with the Committee on the total number of deer harvested during the hunting season which included the two Millennium Park controlled hunts.

**10. Adjourn**

**1. Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Claire Chosid, Vice Chair                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Paulette Pierson, Committee Member                            |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Cantor, Eilbott, Grass, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Pierson, Berry |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Berry                                                         |

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