



Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
April 14, 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: 864 2998 6431

Passcode: 400252

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 March 10, 2021 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**

5. Unfinished Business

- A. *Arbor Day Activities*
- B. *Invasive Plants in City*

6. New Business

- A. *Pin Oak input to City Council*
- B. *HEB input to Park Improvement Plan*
- C. *HEB input for Govt Center planting*
- D. *New Chair nominations/election*

7. Comments from the Public



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

A. Lisa Wallis - Forest Releaf

8. Business from Members

9. Business from Staff Liaison

A. Knock-Out Roses in Planters on Olive

B. Committee Members terming

C. Members traveling

10. Adjourn



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2. Call to Order

Jim Graham called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:28 PM.

3. Roll Call

Fran Cantor	Committee Member	
Rachel Eilbott	Committee Member	(Absent)
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	
Alexis Travers	Council Liaison	
Janet Rueschhoff	Human Resources Generalist	

4. Approval of Minutes

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



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RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Fran Cantor, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Nancy Meyer, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Grass, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Pierson, Berry
ABSENT:	Eilbott
AWAY:	Berry

5. Unfinished Business

A. Arbor Day Review Activities

Jim Graham wanted to finalize the Arbor Day 2021 plan.

WEBINAR

- Mara Berry confirmed that Dan Billman is scheduled for 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Zoom Webinar.
- Mara will send Janet the bio on Dan to be published in the city's newsletter.
- Janet will schedule the Zoom webinar and send out the invitation to the Committee and Dan and get information in the newsletter on how people can join.
- Janet will schedule a practice time for Dan and include Mara
- Janet will be on the Webinar from work to monitor questions from the audience during the event and to tabulate how many attendees we had

FREE PLANTS

- Janet has ordered 25 plants scheduled to be delivered to the Gov't Center the week prior to the event
- Janet will call Claire to take care of plants once they arrive
- Claire will bring plants to Millennium Park for distribution from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- Jim Graham and Tracy Grass have volunteered to work with Claire at Millennium Park
- Janet will advertise hand out of seedlings at the front of the main park area from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- Rachel has volunteered to put "goodie" bags together containing Arbor Day and Tree Planting items to hand out with seedlings
- Janet will include the "goodie" bags in advertising

ACCESS TO ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

- Janet will advertise the websites for residents and their families to access as part of the Virtual Arbor Day 2021 Celebration

B. CIP Request Status Report

Jim Graham informed the Committee on the status of our CIP request for the funds to repair/replace the sprinkler system along a section of Olive Blvd. Matt Wohlberg is including this in "future projects" as MoDOT is currently designing roadway and sidewalk improvements to the same section on Olive so the City will not be able to work on Olive during this time. When that project is completed the City will put our request back on the CIP list for Council's approval.

6. New Business

A. Tree Replacement Program

This agenda item will be table for a later time per Jason Jaggi, Director of Community Development.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Mar 10, 2021 4:30 PM (Approval of Minutes)



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B. Emerald Green Estates Tree Planting

Fran Cantor expressed her concerns that the HEB Committee was not informed on the Emerald Green Estates Tree Planting Project. Claire Chosid informed the Committee that this was not done through the City, but the subdivision, MoDOT, and Forest Releaf. Janet Rueschhoff also confirmed that the City was unaware of this project until it was completed. Between the staff and council liaisons, the committee will be notified of projects that would benefit from their input.

C. MDC Native Landscape Workshops

Fran Cantor shared this program with the committee and wanted to see about promoting it through the City. Since this program has already started, it was discussed to put the link on the City's Facebook page to communicate this opportunity to residents of Creve Coeur. Janet Rueschhoff will have Melissa Orscheln send out the information.

D. MO Invasive Plants Report

Fran Cantor sent a link to committee members regarding Missouri Invasive Plants Report. Fran indicated that this site has an abundance of information regarding invasive plants, statewide assessment of known and potentially invasive plants, resources and educational videos and articles to assist residents to understand the impact of controlling and identifying invasive plants in their area.

As this website contains a lot of information to review a motion was made to table until next meeting. Janet will send the link out to the Committee for everyone to review prior to our next meeting.

1. Table discussion regarding Mo Invasive Plant Task Force until next Committee Meeting

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

E. New HEB Chair

Jim Graham informed the committee that his term would be up in June (term expires on June 30, 2021) at which time the committee will need to nominate a new chair. Jim has served 3- 3 year terms and has indicated he would like to attend committee meetings even though he would not be a voting member. After a years time, Jim could apply to be on the committee again as a voting member. As June approaches, we will discuss in more detail and obtain nominations for a new Chair.

7. Comments from the Public

8. Business from Members

Claire Chosid, Vice Chair, let the committee know, Dan Tierney, Council Member from Ward # 4, discussed with her a resident who is interested in building a native wildflower area for birds. The resident was wondering if the City has a Grant for her project. The resident already has a landscape design.



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They were are looking for funds to pay for the project. Currently the City has no Grant program to help a resident pay for a landscape plan.

Fran Cantor had hear that City Hall will be doing some new landscaping and wanted to make sure the committee can provide input. Janet Rueschhoff will share this with Jim Heines and obtain additional information on the project.

9. Business from Staff Liaison

A. Tree City USA Application

Janet Rueschhoff informed the Committee that the City's application for Tree City USA had been approved for 2020.

Janet also mentioned to the committee that the ash trees have been removed in the median in front of the Gov't Center.

B. Deer Statistics from PD

Janet shared the Deer Harvest statics from PD with the Committee to give them an overall view of current and past years.

10. Adjourn

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Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

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