



Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
June 9, 2021
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 Beautification Committee scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 4:30 PM will be through Zoom teleconferencing. 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 Live stream - Watch a live video broadcast of the HEB meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82522118040?pwd=dGV1ZTkxQyt4REFKS291L0pkNm04QT09>

The public will be required to provide a name and email address to enter the meeting. The email addresses 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: 825 2211 8040

PIN: 789389

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 May 12, 2021 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**

5. Unfinished Business

- A. Article to Announce Contest**
- B. Contest Categories**
- C. Butterfly Banners**

6. New Business

No new business to discuss at this time.

7. Comments from the Public

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

8. Business from Members

9. Business from Staff Liaison

10. Adjourn



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2. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by new Chair, Mara Berry.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approval of April 14, 2021 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Approve minutes as written**

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Claire Chosid, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	James Graham, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Grass, Graham, Chosid, Pierson, Berry, Berry
ABSENT:	Eilbott
RECUSED:	Meyer

5. Unfinished Business

A. Arbor Day Review

Mara Berry asked the Committee about feedback from the Arbor Day event. Janet informed Mara that the webinar went well and all the technical issues were worked out 2 mins before the webinar was to start. Dan Billman was a wonderful presenter and regardless of the 10 viewers (not including HEB members) it was a worth while presentation. Others on the webinar agreed.

Claire gave feedback on the distribution of seedlings and gift bags. Claire indicated there was already a line prior to them arriving at Millennium Park. It was a beautiful day and within 7 minutes everything had been passed out by Jim, Rachel and herself. Claire recommended that the

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Committee order more seedlings for next year (around 75). Mara mentioned adding Spice Bush as a consideration for next year.

B. HEB input for Park Master Plan

Many of the Committee members were on the Parks Master Plan call. The committee members had some concerns that the Parks Master Plan focused on the "hard scape" of the park and did not address the other things like the trees, plantings and invasive plants.

Discussion also included what and how the committee could initiate action on eradicating the invasive plant problem in Millennium Park - example being the basin area. Jim Graham asked Jim Heines, Director of Public works what format can we use to cause an impact on the issues with invasive plants around the basin and the larger areas that have honeysuckle. Jim Heines indicated it could be part of an Improvement Plan.

David Hoffman was introduced and asked to share his background with the group. David expressed excitement about being part of the committee and explained he had served on the Parks & Historic Preservation committee for 7 years.

The committee asked David his opinion on having multiple committees to voice support to the council about working with Public Works Department to take out the Bradford Pear trees. David indicated this would be beneficial in his opinion.

Claire had met with Jason Valvero who indicated all the honeysuckle is to be removed from the park. The question is, what is the length of the project and what does the continual maintenance look like.

Mara asked if someone would be willing to do some research on what it would cost to remove and maintain a 5-6 acres of the park. Jim Graham volunteered to do this research.

It was asked when the Millennium Park Master Plan was going to take place. Jim Heines indicated it might take two fiscal years to complete the plan. The committee questioned if we should wait on our options before we decide how to precede with this issue.

Mara indicated this topic will remain on Unfinished Business to discuss further.

6. New Business

A. Jim Heines - tree list

Mara asked Jim Heines, Director of Public Works, to present first the items he wanted to address with the Committee.

First, Jim shared with the group the new Street Tree list. Every three years this list gets updated and re-bid. Unfortunately, Janet did not send the committee the list ahead of time to review. Fran Cantor mentioned the need for diversity with our tree plantings. The committee was interested in seeing what was on the last two lists to compare to insure the city is being as diverse as possible.

Janet will send the committee the proposed tree list and the past two lists to the committee tomorrow morning for them to review and any other suggestions could be sent Jim Heines for consideration.

Claire Chosid had concerns about the Linden Tree and Tulip Poplar. The Silver Linden is on the current list and proposed list and the committee is recommending diversity for the program. The Tulip

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Poplar gets very large and does not seem suitable for a "street tree". Some substitutes were provided such as River Birch and thornless Hawthorn.

Jim explained the Street Tree program to everyone and indicated residents can sign up all year long, however the trees are planted in the fall. An informational brochure is left on the residents door the day of the planting explaining, how to care for the tree. Each tree has a one year warranty.

Second, Jim informed the committee on the progress of the Median in front of the Gov't Center. The bullet noses on the median will be planted this season and the trees have been delayed due to finding the 1.5 caliper tree. Once the trees are located, they will be planted during the appropriate time of year.

Third, a new art sculpture will be on display at LaVerne Collins Park (Spoede & Olive). Currently there are burning bushes and Ash trees that will need to be removed. Jim is asking the committee for suggestions on new plantings to go around a new pad and lighting that the City will be installing. Mara asked that pictures of the art structure along with what the pad was going to look like be sent to the committee to help give a visual aide to the committee. Jim reminded the committee that the sculpture is not permanent and is part of the "Art on the Move" in the City. Mara also asked for volunteers to physically see the spot to determine light exposure, soil conditions and other environment impacts. Nancy, Jim and Fran volunteered to join Mara to evaluate.

In the morning, Janet will send out pictures of the sculpture along with pictures of where this is to be located. This topic will be held over to next meeting for discussion.

B. Beautification Contest

Claire Chosid explained the Beautification Contest to Robert Hoffman, the new Council Liaison. The Committee will begin discussing what will be needed for a successful Beautification Contest for 2022. A list of catagories will need to be determined. Janet will search for past categories and judging forms and share with the group.

It was suggested that an article in the Newsletter be published to make the community aware of the contest for 2022 so they can start planning.

7. Comments from the Public

No member of the public participated or submitted comments.

8. Business from Members

Claire mentioned that the Tappmeyer Group will be spreading mulch this coming weekend and everyone will be welcome to volunteer. The Group was complemented on the great work they are doing to improve the landscape of the park.

9. Business from Staff Liaison

Janet verified that June 9, 2021 would be the next meeting.

10. Adjourn

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Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

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AYES:	Cantor, Grass, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Pierson, Berry, Berry
ABSENT:	Eilbott

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