



**Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
August 10, 2022
4:30 PM
Meeting Room 1**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Approval of June 8, 2022 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Beautification Contest Winners***
 - B. Beautification Moving Forward***
- 5. New Business**
 - A. Welcome New Members***
 - B. Deer Article***
 - C. Joining PHP for Meetings***
 - D. October's Meeting - Forest ReLeaf Arboretum***
- 6. Comments from the Public**

(Citizens are asked to limit comments to three minutes and to complete a speaker card)
- 7. Business from Members**
- 8. Business from Staff Liaison**
- 9. Adjourn**



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Fran Cantor	Committee Member
Nancy Meyer	Committee Member
Claire Chosid	Vice Chair
Paulette Pierson	Committee Member
Mara Berry	Chair
James Berry	Committee Member
Dorothy Hancock	Committee Member
Tracy Grass	Committee Member (Absent)
David Hoffman	Committee Member
Janet Rueschhoff	Human Resources Generalist

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of May 11, 2022 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Berry, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Claire Chosid, Vice Chair
AYES:	Cantor, Meyer, Chosid, Pierson, Berry, Berry, Hancock
ABSENT:	Grass

4. Unfinished Business

A. Beautification Contest Judging

Mara Berry went over the entries with the Committee members and provided a handout of contestants names, category and address. Janet had mapped the route for the judging and will provide the supplies and then refreshments for after the touring/judging. Everyone is to meet at the Government Center at 8:30 a.m.

B. Meeting update with City Administrator

Mara shared with the Committee her conversation with the City Administrator regarding the Beautification Contest. It was suggested that the Beautification Contest may be at it's end as demonstrated by the lack of interest by residents to enter. A few things came out of the meeting. Mark Perkins suggested since the HEB is dropping one of its larger projects maybe HEB should consider combining its committee with E & E or meet less during the year.

Mayor Robert Hoffman, Council President Joe Martinich, and E & E Committee Chair, Hal Harris were present at this meeting to discuss combining committees with the HEB members. Everyone present was able to share their input. The consensus from the group seemed to be centered around the differences between the two committee's goals, objectives and personal interests. It was also suggested that even though the HEB will no longer host a Beautification Contest, the Committee could come up with a variety



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of other avenues to explore Beautification throughout the City. For example, Paulette Pierson pointed out the committee could do a "Beautification Re-do" and feature gardens and landscape throughout the City on Social Media or the newsletter to promote beautification.

Mayor Hoffman recapped the discussion indicated what he was hearing suggested that both committees wanted to continue staying separate and the HEB Committee will meet less frequently (every other month) unless an event requires additional meetings.

Joe suggested the HEB Committee may want to meet with Parks & Historic Reservation Committee as there seems to be a closer match of goals and interests. David Hoffman suggested the Committee could request to be put on the PHP's agenda to discuss these items.

Mara indicated that she will make an appointment with Jason Valvero, Staff Liaison for the PHP to discuss being put on their agenda for a future meeting.

A motion was made for the HEB to meet every other month starting with August. Additional meetings could be scheduled as the need arises.

1. Reduce meetings to every other month

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Paulette Pierson, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Meyer, Chosid, Pierson, Berry, Hancock
NAYS:	Berry
ABSENT:	Grass

C. Deer Article by Claire

Claire Chosid volunteered to write this article on protecting new plantings from deer and will have to Melissa in July for a September publishing. Claire will also include some photos.

D. Arbor Day Honorary Tree Planting - Fran Cantor

Fran Cantor suggested an idea she had read about Kansas City doing at their Arbor Day event. The idea was to have a tree planted in someone's honor. Fran felt this could be a good way to bring out more people. After a brief discussion on how you would pick a recipient and other aspects to this idea, the majority of the Committee was not in favor at this time.

5. New Business

A. Members Coming Off Committee

Mara acknowledged and thanked those members who will not be joining us after June 30 as a Committee Member.

Nancy Meyer's term expires 06/30/2022. We hope Nancy will continue to attend meetings whenever possible until she is able to join as a Committee member again. Tracy Grass will not be joining the Committee until she is able to attend more meetings and also welcomed to join the meetings whenever possible.

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B. Election of Chair

Jim Graham mentioned that in the past, the Chair would serve a three year term (as a means of continuity) and we need not elect a new chair every year. The committee was in favor of having Mara stay on as Chair.

C. New applications for HEB Committee

Mara reported that the Committee has three new applications for residents to serve on the committee. They are as follows:

Jim Graham
 Gene Rovak
 Joseph Baker

The Mayor, City Administrator and Committee Chairs will go through the nomination process to determine which applicants will be appointed to each Committee

D. No meeting in July-future meeting schedule

The next meeting scheduled will be August 10, 2022. We will meet in October and December. During December's meeting, it can be discussed if additional meetings will be needed for next year.

6. Comments from the Public

Jim Graham was the only member present and had nothing further to add.

7. Business from Members

Members mentioned the Summer Concert Series tomorrow night in Millennium Park.

Fran mentioned that Wild Ones - St. Louis Chapter was having a Native Plant Garden Tour from 9 - 4.

8. Business from Staff Liaison

No business was mentioned by Staff Liaison.

9. Adjourn

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Meeting was Adjourned at 5:30 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fran Cantor, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Claire Chosid, Vice Chair
AYES:	Cantor, Meyer, Chosid, Pierson, Berry, Berry, Hancock
ABSENT:	Grass

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