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AGENDA FOR BEE CITY USA - ASHLAND MEETING

**September 25, 2019
North Mountain Park Nature Center
620 North Mountain Ave.**

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from previous meeting
 - Libby needs to make an edit to the minutes from last time, 200 booklets were printed. We agree to approve the minutes from last quarterly meeting.
2. Review Action Items from previous meeting

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Open Forum: Mark Franco is an attending member of the public. Suggests that the Oregon Bee Farm in Eagle Point, is an opportunity to do more education and connect this business as a Trust or a non-profit. We suggested that Mark might be a volunteer with us, or he might help Eagle Point to transition to becoming a Bee City USA.

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Grove Garden update - Nancy — (Informational)

Irrigation team explained that they were too busy to help with irrigation at the Grove garden. Nancy and Kristina watered by hand twice a week during the dry season. Spencer agreed to meet and put in new heads for that garden, so that the heads would rise up above the wood chips. Now we have a watering schedule. But this didn't solve the issue with a deeper leak.

 - Libby will bring up the Grove Pollinator Garden at the next Managers meeting. If work needs to be done on a leaking irrigation main line, we ask that they coordinate with the sub-committee.
2. BCUA gardens - Nancy and Kristina — (Informational)

There are now 57 approved pollinator gardens, and up to 10 more are in the process of being approved. Nancy has been knocking on doors to get more gardens approved.

 - Several of our Approved Pollinator Gardens are changing hands because people are moving out of town, so we have to work on contacting them and renewing their participation in the Program.
3. Signage for Grove garden - Kristina — (Request for Assistance)

Does this sign fall into the authority of Parks and Rec's sign committee, or the Streets department?

According to the sign ordinance, Governmental Agencies can apply to a conditional use permit to place a sign that does not conform to this chapter, when it is determined that the sign is necessary to further the agency's public purpose.

- We will set a meeting to plan interpretive signage for the grove. Libby will provide advice, so that we have a proposed sign format to move the conversation forward.
 - Libby will reach out to Sean to ask who is in charge of the re-structured sign committee, so we know who to include in the Grove Pollinator Garden sign discussion.
4. Riverwalk Garden planting plan / update - Carolyn — (Request for participation)
Tentatively Sunday October 20th, will be the beginning of phase 2 for the Riverwalk Pollinator Garden.
- On 10/20/10 there will be a work party at the Riverwalk Pollinator Garden. Bee City members and home owners would remove the plastic and lay some sheet mulch.
 - Albert Carolyn and another home owner will put in the edging on Monday the 21st.
Wes has agreed to provide top soil and the DG for the pathway, starting on Tuesday the 22nd. The whole week after the 20th, Carolyn will be available to be present when APRC crews are able to help. Then, they will schedule another day for the HOA to do the wood chips. The group suggests that we wait to apply the compost in the spring when we install the plants. They are planning to plant in late March or April.
Carolyn will create and email another schedule and a list of tasks for this project.
5. New park on south side - Joel and Albert — (Informational / Discussion: How to support)
The new park proposed for Zero East Main, will not be developed extensively for the time being.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. Inviting BCUA Volunteers - Carolyn — (Discussion to determine actions)
We have 50-70 approved pollinator gardens. Are there any gardeners who might be interested in being volunteers for the committee? People who might help with the tour, development of the garden booklet, garden docents during the tour, tabling at events, tabling at the grower's market, also make garden approval visits etc.
- Kristina and Nancy make a list of the Approved Pollinator Garden owners who are the most likely to volunteer for BCU-A.
 - Carolyn will call these potential volunteers and petition them to be involved.
7. Budget Update - Libby — (Informational)
The Ashland Parks Foundation is holding on to about \$550, and the expense budget has been renewed for another \$500 for the fiscal year.
Need to decide where to put the rack cards, and what businesses will carry them.
8. Fresh Water Trust project along Bear Creek - Libby — (Informational)
APRC has approved a project with the FreshWater Trust, giving approval to use targeted applications of glyphosate herbicide to restore stretches of riparian habitat along Bear Creek.
9. Pollinator landscape project at Oak Knoll - Kristina — (Action: Vote to support)
Julian Bell, Patrick Oropallo, and Kristina have been discussing the importance of ecological management for soil and lawns. The Golf Course has a small pollinator garden, which probably needs more diversity in order to meet our qualifications. Patrick and Julian would like our support in making Oak Knoll pollinator and bird friendly. Our group can provide support and advice on developing a pollinator landscape, and maintaining the lawns with more organic practices.
- One of our members will attend a Parks Commission Meeting or Study Session in November/December, and remind the commission that the subcommittee would like to offer help and expertise to make Oak Knoll and the new East Main St. Park pollinator friendly landscapes.
10. Request for Ashland Parks to issue resolution about no neonicotinoid policy - Kristina — (Action: Approve draft request)

Kristina would like APRC to issue a resolution saying that we are joining Eugene and Portland in establishing a no-neonicotinoid policy.

All agreed that we would like to encourage APRC to establish a no-neonic resolution.

- Kristina will email Mike Oxendine asking him to clarify our current practices around neonics and ask whether he would support a no-neonic resolution.

VII. OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

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