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AGENDA FOR BEE CITY USA - ASHLAND MEETING

**June 12, 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

Minutes approved as written.

2. Review Action Items from previous meeting

In the future, we want to find out how the Bee City USA designation could be built into the City planning documents.

- ☐ Meet with Michael and the Planning Commission, to discuss how Pollinators could be incorporated into the City planning documents.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Open Forum

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Carolyn wants to discuss adding an additional member to the subcommittee.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discuss 2019 Tour – all

46 people are registered for the tour, as of today. We printed 200 tour booklets.

Brigette would be open Saturday from 8:30 to 12:00, and Sunday from 8:30 to 9:30.

Brigette should tell people when they pick up the booklet, that they can visit any gardens, in any order. Businesses have been reminded of their commitments.

- ☐ Libby will be writing a park views column about gardening for diversity, and the pollinator tour.

- ☐ Committee members are invited to post fliers for distribution around town, at the public locations we tend to frequent.

- ☐ Before the tour, Nancy will distribute the garden signs to the participating gardeners.

2. Grove Garden update – Nancy

Looking better than it was a couple of months ago. Irrigation is pretty dry along the drive way.

- ☐ Libby will ask again about the irrigation schedule.

- ☐ Libby will give Robbies phone number to Nancy.

- ☐ Nancy offers to do some weeding over at the Grove garden at the same time.

3. Signage for Grove garden – Libby
We need to ask the sign committee, preliminary questions: Is this even a possibility, size ok? Placement in front of bunker ok? Visible from the street ok with the streets department.
☐ Libby will tell Mike O. that Kristina will be attending the Sign Committee meeting on Monday.
4. Riverwalk Garden update – Carolyn
First planting went in at the end of April. Nothing has been bothered by deer or by people. Even tiny milkweed plants have survived. Deer spray seems to work. Hanns helped six volunteers to work on installing the drip irrigation. Carolyn got the \$500 from the Ashland Parks Foundation grant.
☐ Libby will double check that the grant check has been cut correctly.
They plan to leave the black plastic solarizing the site throughout the summer. After they remove the black plastic, they want to try cotton sheets for sheet mulching.
Carolyn wants to invite people to a brainstorming session for the Riverwalk design.
Shooting Star is contributing a 20% discount for all the plants.
5. Status of new park on south side - Joel
The 5.5 acre park is currently owned by Parks and Rec, but it is not within the city limits. So they are working on annexing it into the city limits. Plans for a dog park for sure, a pump track, a playground and a garden. Albert suggest that we connect with Access and install a food-share garden. Anyone who volunteers gets food, and excess goes to the foodbank. Access has a grant to set these up and install the garden, and they can coordinate and manage it. Joel suggests that Albert bring up this suggestion at an upcoming Parks Commission study session on the 17th. Suggest also that the design incorporates pollinator plantings and trees into the overall landscaping for the site.
☐ The group will make write up their formal suggestions for incorporating pollinator plantings in the design for the new park.
☐ Libby will help get this on the agenda for the formal Park Commission meeting on the 24th

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. Budget items – Libby
The expense budget for BCU-A has been spent out. We can expect another \$500 to be designated for the committee in the next fiscal year, starting July 1. There is \$329 left in the Ashland Parks Foundation on BCU-A's behalf.
☐ On July 1, Libby will revisit a discussion about the payment for the Rogue Valley Messenger. Depending upon the tour attendance, we will pay the invoice out of BCU's funds or the Nature Center's expense budget.
7. Visits to BCUA gardens with new owners – Nancy
52 gardens approved. About 8 gardeners have moved and their gardens have changed hands. Kristina and Nancy are reaching out to the new owners to continue their certification. Nancy has been certifying new gardens and promoting the program.

VII. OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Carolyn would like to develop a volunteer program of citizens who want to support the Bee City efforts. Could we reach out to approved gardeners, and the Ashland Garden Club.
☐ Kristina will put a discussion of locating volunteers on the agenda for our next meeting.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Wednesday, September 25th

- ☐ Libby will post the approved minutes from the spring meeting
- ☐ Libby will advertise the September 25 public meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

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- ☐ Committee members are invited to post fliers for distribution around town, at the public locations we tend to frequent.
- ☐ Before the tour, Nancy will distribute the garden signs to the participating gardeners.
- ☐ Libby will ask again about the irrigation schedule for the Grove garden.
- ☐ Libby will put Nancy in touch with Robbie again.
- ☐ Nancy offers to do some weeding over at the Grove garden.
- ☐ Libby will tell Mike O. that Kristina will be attending the Sign Committee meeting on Monday.
- ☐ Libby will double check that the Foundation grant check for the Riverwalk pollinator garden has been cut and deposited correctly.
- ☐ The group will make write up their formal suggestions for incorporating pollinator landscaping in the design for the new park on the south side of town.
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