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## AGENDA FOR BEE CITY USA - ASHLAND MEETING

January 8, 2020  
North Mountain Park Nature Center  
620 North Mountain Ave.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Present: Joel Heller (Parks Commissioner) Kristina Lefever (Chair), Nancy Appling (sub-committee member), Albert Pepe (sub-committee member), Carolyn Hunsaker (sub-committee member), Libby VanWyhe (staff liaison)

Absent:

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from previous meeting
  - a. All vote to approve.
  - b.  Libby will post the approved minutes.
2. Review Action Items from previous meeting
  - a.  Libby will continue to press for Grove pollinator garden irrigation fixes.
  - b.  Follow up on the gardens that are changing ownership. Suggest a batch hard copy mailing. Discuss a process for this at the next meeting.
  - c.  Carolyn will petition the community, seeking new volunteers, later in January.

### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Open Forum - None

### IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Riverwalk Garden planting plan / update - Carolyn — (Informational)
  - a. Riverwalk is prepped and ready for irrigation and planting.  
 Next action for Riverwalk garden will be to develop the planting plan in February. Order plants in March. Wes and Hanns will help install new feeder lines and planting will probably happen in mid-April. Irrigation emitters will be installed with the plants.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

3. 2020 projects - Libby — (Action: Discussion / Approval - see attached)
  - a. Project ideas 1-11 are either completed or ongoing.
  - b. Project ideas 12,13, and 14 received the most votes from our members.
  - c. #12 refers to the development of signage at the Grove and Riverwalk. This could be something we begin working on in the last quarter of this year. It could be a goal we set in 2021.
  - d. #13 We would like to continue to offer guidance and recommendations around proposed pollinator landscape at Oak Knoll and East Main.
  - e. #14 We would like to be involved in the AAAS symposium, in conjunction with our pollinator tour.
    - i. We could submit a paper or do a presentation for AAAS. Or we could offer something like a short feature in conjunction with the Pollinator tour.
    - ii. Libby suggested that we adopt project idea #14.
  - f. In 2020 we will have three goals
    - i. Finish the Riverwalk Pollinator Garden
    - ii. Conduct the Pollinator Garden Tour on 6/20 and 6/21
    - iii. Collaborate with the AAAS symposium in conjunction with the tour.
  - g. Kristina would also like to propose that APRC and the City Council adopt a resolution against neonicotinoids. She shared the proposed language for the resolution.
    - i.  Kristina will send the modified version of the xerces resolution to the subcommittee members, with any modifications or additions highlighted. We will then call for a vote from the members via email. "Should we propose the current language of the neonicotinoid resolution to Director Black?"
    - ii. Potentially share with Michael Black on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and ask to be brought up at the April Commission study session.
    - iii. Then, with everyone's agreement, the proposed resolution can be adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and possibly the City Council.
  - h. Carolyn is interested in developing plant lists for the web and also developing in hard copy pamphlets. Because many native plants have been developed into hybridized versions, she wants to include information about varieties and cultivars that are most beneficial. She suggests that other committee members look into author Doug Talamy about the impacts of cultivars.
4. 2020 Tour - Kristina — (Action: Discussion / Approval - see attached)
  - a. One of the first steps to the tour, would be a Pollinator Social in Late February.
  - b.  Kristina will try to reserve the Grove for the Pollinator Social. Everyone will contribute snacks. Libby will bring pump pots with tea and coffee.
  - c. Libby and Kristina will make up the invitation to the social.
  - d.  Libby will use the free online program "easy map maker" to generate maps of the approved pollinator gardens for the tour booklets.
5. Annual report for 2019 - Kristina — (Discussion)
  - a.  Kristina and Libby will meet to show Libby how the Annual Report is submitted and divvy up the 2019 annual report.
  - b. The following accomplishments need to be submitted in our 2019 report.
    - i. Riverwalk pollinator garden development
    - ii. Pollinator Tour
    - iii. Tabling at the Tuesday Farmer's Market
    - iv. Hosted Xerces Society
    - v. Collaborated on Presentation in Talent with Chip Osborne
    - vi. Tabled at Rogue Buzzway Event
    - vii. Tabled at Bear Creek Salmon Festival
    - viii. Carolyn tabled at the first Friday Art Walk.
    - ix. Seed Swap at the Armory

#### VII. OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As of March, the Commission meetings are changing to the first and second Wednesday of the month at 6pm. First Wednesday is the study session, and the second Wednesday of the month will be the business meeting. Joel will be missing a couple of February and March meetings. Suggest having our Bee City meeting in March, and then attend the April study session meeting to share the possible neonicotinoid resolution.

#### VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

March 18, 3:00 to 4:30pm

## ACTION ITEMS

- Libby will post the approved minutes from the last BCUA public meeting.
- Libby will continue to press for Grove pollinator garden irrigation fixes.
- Follow up on the gardens that are changing ownership. Suggest a batch hard copy mailing.
- Carolyn will petition the community, seeking new volunteers, later in January.
- Next action for Riverwalk garden will be to develop the planting plan in February.
- Kristina will send the modified version of the xerces resolution to the subcommittee members, with any modifications or additions highlighted. We will then call for a vote from the members via email. "Should we propose the current language of the neonicotinoid resolution to Director Black?"
- Kristina will try to reserve the Grove for 4th the Pollinator Social. Everyone will contribute snacks. Libby will bring pump pots with tea and coffee.
- Libby will use the free online program "easy map maker" to generate maps of the approved pollinator gardens for the tour booklets.
- Kristina and Libby will meet to show Libby how the Annual Report is submitted and divvy up the 2019 annual report.

## 2020 GOALS:

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## NEXT MEETING

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