



## MINUTES FOR BEE CITY USA - ASHLAND MEETING

February 22, 2022

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER, CHECK-INS, AND WELCOME
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  1. Approval of Minutes from the 12-1-21 meeting  
Approval of Minutes from the 1-18-22 meeting
    1. Leslie requests we re-phrase section that addresses SOU Capstone projects. "By winter quarter students must finalize a research topic."
    2. With this edit, Kristina moves to approve, Lorrie seconds. All voted to approve both sets of minutes.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None at this time.
- IV. Planning for 2022
  - A) Organization and Prioritization of ideas from last meeting
    - a. Under the goal "Supporting and Building Pollinator Friendly Landscapes",
      - i. Continue the approved pollinator garden program, invite garden nominations and conduct site visits. When onboarding new gardens, include a flammability dimension and recommend fire-wise assessment.
      - ii. Continue to advise on planned pollinator garden projects, HOA's and the East Main Park planning process.
    - b. Under the goal "Affecting Systems Polices and Organizational Change"
      - i. Lay the groundwork and do research so that we may open a dialog with APRC about land management, plant lists, lawns and maintenance.
      - ii. Conduct preliminary research into: Comparative case studies of other municipalities. APRC's and SOU's IPM polices. Noenicitinoids in order to move the resolution forward.
      - iii. Frame this research as potential Capstone projects. Establish the project parameters and advertise this to SOU students as soon as possible.
    - c. Under the goal "Educating About Pollinators and Their Conservation"
      - i. Prepare ourselves to offer the Pollinator Garden Tour with a Firewise focus in 2023. Develop the Tour materials in advance, to save on workloads in early 2023.
      - ii. Provide input and collaboration on Charisse's plant database, providing information about pollinator plants and drought tolerant plants.
      - iii. Develop a communications plan to disseminate and educate about the database. Consider or plan future educational programs, panels, webinars etc.

# Project Organization

Supporting and Building Pollinator-Friendly Landscapes

Educating About Pollinators and their Conservation



## B) Establish Working Groups

- The group proposed establishing working groups around these three main goals. Time ran out before we were able to vote on this.
  - Committee members agreed to meet informally in groups, structured around the three main goal headings. The project work these groups will undertake is outlined in the 2-22-22 minutes.
- Any outside meetings must contain fewer than a quorum of members, and we will report back to the larger group at the public meeting in April.
  - Leslie, Kristina, Libby will meet to discuss the creation of Capstone project proposals, as this project idea is time sensitive.
  - Libby will get back to Charisse about plant database updates, and will send the spreadsheets and instructions to committee members. (This has been shelved for a couple of weeks due to the committee's pending goal setting.)

## V. OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- The Annual report is due to Bee City USA Central at the end of February.
  - Kristina and Kate are requesting input on the Annual Report from the committee members, by Friday
  - Libby needs to review the annual report and provide some numbers and photos
  - For 2022, Kristina needs more support with project tracking and record keeping for future annual reports.
- Leslie requested that we spread the word about the East Main Park public meeting. Asks that supporters of parks attend the meeting.
  - Please attend the East Main Park public meeting March 3, and invite others to attend.

## VI. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

April

- We need to send a doodle poll to establish the April quarterly meeting date.

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