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**WEBSTER GROVES GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** March 7, 2022

**Location:** City Hall

**Called to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 6:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** April 4, 2021, 5:15 p.m. Conference Room, City Hall

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Annie Russell	X	
Bill Hoss	X	
Pam Bliss, City Council Liaison	X	
Joe Oelke	X	
Ginger Garrett	X	
Laura Jordan		X
Lynnda Greene	X	
Jerry Pinkner	X	
Carrie Coyne, Chairman	X	
Corin Pursell	X	
Yvonne Steingrubby, Staff Liaison	X	

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes of last meeting on February 7, 2022, were approved.
- IV. Old Business:
  - A. Trees of Distinction Replacement Program update.

Carrie Coyne reported that city arborist Andre Buehler has selected a specific neighborhood to receive the first donated street trees, and that a letter soliciting residents' application and participation was being drafted for approval. She also said the dates for tree planting and community education workshops have not been set. Pam Bliss suggested the possibility of affixing signage to each new tree noting its species, environmental benefit, and planting date.

The group agreed to plant a minimum of fifty trees the first year, but also work toward a goal of 75 trees planted if circumstances allow. This year's trees will probably not be coming from Forest Releaf. They have offered to contract grow trees for our initiative in future, but cannot accommodate our needs this year.

#### **B. Tree of Distinction Award update.**

Joe Oelke reported that he has received three nominations for this year's "Tree of Distinction Award," and is already looking at the trees, taking measurements, etc. Corin Purcell and Joe have agreed to draft a simple point evaluation system for the group to consider at the next meeting.

Joe will update the long list of Webster's "Tree of Distinction" winners posted on the city website, and remove those that have died. Yvonne suggested that in future, we solicit TOD nominations and photographs in the fall when trees look their best. Earlier submissions would give us better photographs, and allow more time for evaluation.

#### **C. Mayors for Monarchs (MMP).**

Jerry Pinkner updated the group on the program's progress, relating specific tasks completed and others currently underway. The first three speakers (Colleen Baum, James Faupel and Erin Shenk), speaking topics and dates have been confirmed for March 31 and April 28 at the library, and May 26 at Larson Park, respectively.

A press release outlining the program and inviting volunteer support has been written and sent to the city's publicity team for dissemination. Lynnda continues to craft promotional flyers and notices for posting around town, and Jerry is sending word of the MMP program out on social media outreach channels to various community organizations. Lynnda has been gathering pollinator and native plant gardening materials from various local organizations, to be handed out to GSAC events.

Yvonne reported that her department is planning on setting up a demonstration pollinator garden at City Hall, and at Ivory Crockett Park, as part of the park's current renovation plan. Also discussed was the possibility of holding workshops to show residents how to establish a pollinator plot with the best native plant choices for their locations.

#### **D. Speaker Series.**

The group considered topics and speakers for upcoming speaker events through year, such as the importance and function of rivers, streams and watersheds, urban wildlife, light pollution, etc.

**E. Arbor Day Event, April 20. Barbre Park**

Yvonne reviewed plans for the afternoon, to include the tree planting event at 3:00 pm, the ceremony at 5:30 and the “Tree ID Walk” conducted by Mark Gruber to follow. Tasks have been assigned re setting up chairs, AV equipment, scout troop, awards, and promotion of the Monarch Pledge and Future Trees of Distinction programs. Jen Starky will develop Arbor Day program handouts for the ceremony.

**V. Updates**

**A.** Chair: Carrie Coyne had no updates.

**B.** Council Liaison: Pam Bliss reported that the city received 132 citizen responses to a survey seeking suggestions on how federal American Rescue Plan funds coming to Webster should be spent. The suggestions will be posted on the city website in coming days.

**C.** City Liaison: Yvonne Steingrubby reported that Joe Oelke will give a Trees of Distinction slide presentation to the council.

**VII. Next meeting:** April 4th, 5:15 pm., City Hall

**VIII. Move to adjourn, 6:45pm**

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