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WEBSTER GROVES GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 4, 2022

Location: City Hall

Called to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: May 2, 2021, 5:15 p.m. Conference Room, City Hall

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| NAME | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| 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 April 4, 2022, were approved.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Trees of Distinction Replacement (“Green Our City”) update.

Carrie Coyne reported that letters soliciting residents' participation have been mailed out and a few homeowners have replied. Door hangers for the program are being printed, and Carrie reiterated that she'd like pairs of volunteers to knock on doors and address any issues residents of the initial target neighborhood might have about stewarding a tree for one two years. Corin, Ginger, and Laura volunteered. Door knocking will happen on April 16.

Also discussed:

- a. Educational workshop for participating homeowners will be held June 14 and July 14 at Larson Park, 6:30 p.m. Workshop could serve as one of our public education speaker events.
- b. Tentative tree planting dates: September 10th and/or 17th. Date needs to be coordinated with Todd Regh of public works.

B. Tree of Distinction Award

Joe Oelke reported that six trees, all resident-owned, were nominated for this year's "Tree of Distinction" award. After assessing each tree, he forwarded photos and details of each to all GSAC members. The group moved unanimously to award this year's TOD certificate to the Black Gum on Virginia Avenue.

Soliciting TOD nominations this coming fall, rather than early in 2023, was discussed and agreed upon. All members agreed that photos of nominated trees still in full autumn foliage would facilitate more accurate evaluation. Corin moved to make the 2023 nomination deadline to December 1, 2022, and Carrie seconded.

C. Arbor Day Celebration, April 20th

Yvonne reported this year's Arbor Day tree planting detail will plant 150 trees in pre-dug holes. Boy Scout Troop 314 for flag ceremony, seating and podium with AV equipment are arranged, and programs for the ceremony are printed. New mayor will speak, as will Pam Bliss. The Monarch Pledge and Future Trees of Distinction programs will be introduced and explained. Tree of Distinction award to winning tree is being arranged, and Carrie will act as MC. Mark Gruber will conduct a "Tree ID Walk" in Barbre Park after the ceremony.

D. Mayors for Monarchs campaign.

Brief discussion of planning progress for two upcoming speakers: James Faupel on April 28, 7 p.m. at the Webster Library, and Erin Shank, May 26 at Larson Park pavilion on May 26, 6:30 p.m. at Larson Park. Flyer promoting Faupel's talk on the 28th approved, with Carrie to insert text into a layout with large photo of monarch before printing and posting.

Given considerable early public interest in the MMP campaign due to local newspaper's brief story about Webster's participation, Jerry and Lynnnda have been drafting a "how-to"

handout geared directly to volunteers eager to help. Lynnda handed out copies of an initial draft, and asked for feedback from members within the next week.

Also discussed:

- a. The need for a “landing page” within the city’s website, where GSAC can post a list of pollinator/native gardening resources in the St. Louis area.
- b. Discussion of how best care for the Ruhe Park pollinators garden given over to the city’s care from a local garden club. Ginger will reach out to the folks at Annunciation Parish to see if they would want to help.
- c. Update on possible “demonstration” events over the summer to show residents how to correctly plant a young tree, and how to establish a pollinator plot with the best natives for their locations.

V. New Business

4th or July parade – Ginger and Carrie will reach out to sustainability commission to see if they’d like to partner on a float this year.

VI. City updates

- a. Staff liaison: Yvonne had no further updates.
- b. Pam Bliss: no updates

VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Next meeting: May 2, 2022, 5:30 pm, City Hall.

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