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**WEBSTER GROVES GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** July 11, 2022

**Location:** City Hall

**Called to Order:** 5:15 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 6:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** August 1, 2022, 5:15 p.m. Conference Room, City Hall

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Annie Russell	X via zoom	
Bill Hoss	X	
Emily Shephard, Council Liaison	X	
Joe Oelke	X	
Ginger Garrett	X	
Laura Jordan	X	
Lynnda Greene	X	
Jerry Pinkner		X
Carrie Coyne, Chair	X	
Corin Pursell		X
Yvonne Steingrubby, Staff Liaison	X	

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Minutes of last meeting on June 6, 2022 were approved.**
- IV. **Visitor:**

A. Karen Halla from the Webster Groves Women's Garden Association asked for help in the care and maintenance of the Centennial Butterfly Garden, located in Ruhe Park. They eventually may have to stop caring for the garden, but they will continue caring for the Blue Star Marker and Circle Lily Garden. They have approached the Webster Groves Herb Society and Webster Groves Garden Association (formerly Webster Groves Men's Garden Association) and Rotary Club without success. The Missouri Botanical Garden has recently approved the garden as a Master Gardener Worksite, so there may be some help by future Master Gardeners. Yvonne offered a Greenkeepers workday to help care for the garden. The Commission will continue to brainstorm on other options.

#### **IV. Old Business:**

- A. Appointment of commission secretary: The secretary position will now rotate through each member, for a two-month period. Laura Jordan volunteered to take minutes at the July and August meetings, and Lynnda will serve as backup scribe. Annie Russell is scheduled to take minutes at the September and October meetings. Carrie has scheduled out secretarial duties for a year. If you can not accommodate the schedule please notify the committee as soon as possible.
- B. Green Our City Initiative update: So far, twenty-five Webster residents have signed up to steward a young tree as part of the initiative. The June 14 "education and training" session was well attended and the feedback was good. The July 14 meeting will be open to any Webster resident (not just stewards) interested in learning more about the program. Carrie is working with Todd Rehg, Director of Public Works, to procure plant materials. We will make sure trees that we plant are appropriate for the site and on the approved list from the city. Joe volunteered to contact the participants about the tree selected for their site, and to offer them an alternate tree if necessary. Carrie asked Emily if she could ask the city for buckets to give to the participants.
- C. Upcoming Events:
1. July 14 Tree Steward Workshop, Larson Park, 6:30 pm
  2. August ? - potential Mayors for Monarchs event or planting - Lynnda checking with Jerry
  3. September 17 Tree Planting in the morning, exact time tbd
- D. Mayors for Monarchs Pollinator Program Update: Yvonne reported that the several pollinator plots planned for specific locations around the city are still in development stages. Funding through grants and donations from various organizations are in process. MDC gave a verbal commitment to fund a grant. The Ivory Crockett location is the first planting priority. There is a long bed next to city hall also planned. Yvonne has not decided on the grant yet. There

are also planned gardens in Old Webster and Southwest Park. Any new garden installed has to be maintained by the Parks Dept. and staff is stretched very thin. Also, Jenny Fagan with the Webster Groves Herb Society has asked that we count the pollinator garden at the Hawken House as one of the gardens in the Mayors for Monarchs program.

**V. New Business and Upcoming Events--**

A. GSAC activities from July to December, 2022, and into January 2023.

1. Planned events:

- Aug - Lynnda talking to Jerry about having a Mayors for Monarchs an event - possibly a tour of the pollinator garden at the Hawken House
- Sep – Sept 17 Green Our City Tree Planting
- Oct – Make a Difference Day community service event

2. Members revisited a November GSAC team building float trip. Joe/Carrie checking with Big Muddy for available dates.

3. The Monarchs Pollinator initiative public education talks will resume in 2023, starting with a presentation on light pollution's harmful effects on wildlife, pollinators and the environment—and to reduce it—given by Dark Sky Missouri.

4. The Sustainability Commission wants to promote 'No Mow May' with GSAC. A pollinator friendly lawn talk was suggested in February or March. Glenn Kraemer or Scott Woodbury are potential speakers to ask.

**VI. City updates**

A. Staff liaison Yvonne reported that the GSAC budget increased to \$1,000.00. \$400.00 of that is to pay speakers. Some speakers are not allowed to accept payment, such as those from MDC, so we need to take that into consideration. The city needs 1-2 Fall seasonal (through Thanksgiving). Yvonne distributed a letter to the WG School Board from Laura Rose regarding artificial turf proposed for Moss and Kopplin Fields in the Prop S bond issue on the August 2, 2022 election ballot. Carrie will take a poll of Commission comments in a week.

B. Council liaison Emily Shepherd reported that a Charter Review Advisory Board is being formed as a response to the measure passed in April to review the charter every few years. There will be an information session later this month. The budget was passed and strategic planning is under way.

**VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**

**VIII. Next meeting: August 1, 2022, 5:15 pm, City Hall.**

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