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WEBSTER GROVES GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 11, 2023

Location: City Hall

Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:02 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: MONDAY, October 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m. WG City Hall Marsh Room

This meeting will be available to the public in-person, and via teleconference. Instructions on listening through your phone or computer to the teleconference will be made available at www.webstergroves.org/teleconference. Public comments may be made in-person, virtually via Zoom with the raise hand option. Public comments via zoom will be limited to three minutes.

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Carrie Coyne, Chair	X	
Ginger Garrett	X	
Emily Horton	X	
Bill Hoss	X	
Lizz James	X (Zoom)	
Laura Jordan	X	
Joe Oelke	X	
Jerry Pinkner		X
Corin Pursell	X	
Emily Hixson Shepherd, Council Liaison		X
Yvonne Steingrubby, Staff Liaison	X	

I. Call to Order (By Carrie Coyne)

II. Roll Call

III. Motion to approve Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2023 motioned and approved

IV. Visitors

Tom Meyer expressed discontent over the No Mow initiative and major concerns over the Leave the Leaves initiative. Referenced a Univ. of Minnesota study and Corin is going to delve into it. Carrie invited him to the Open Talks with the City/Council on 9/21- Thursday Chats With Council.

V. Old Business

- a. Leave the Leaves update- Carrie gave a Leave the Leaves handout to everyone, will be posted on the city's website and on social media. Got approval to purchase signs in advance and then sell to the public at the rec plex. Will be \$6 per sign. Emily Horton checked with the Novel Neighbor, and they'd be happy to sell our signs, just need to ask about their process. Corin is going to look at some studies and get the social media campaign kicked-off. Considering starting with 100-150 signs.
- b. Green Our City- Carrie, Joe and Yvonne are all working hard to make sure all is in place and ready to go for our tree planting on 10/7. The 40 trees will be in on 10/3, mulch has been ordered, Carrie is ordering 39 buckets and Yvonne will pick-up. Lizz and Emily are working together to get the tree info sheets together. City will mark the utilities, dig the holes and deliver the trees to the 40 homes. New tree stewards will get a 5 gallon bucket, magnet with watering reminder instructions and a handout with information regarding their specific tree. Jen Starkey is working on developing a video for this initiative. Meeting at the rec plex at 9am on 10/7 to divide into planting teams, bring tools. Emily and Bill will photograph the plantings.
- c. Native Garden Volunteer Leads- everyone needs to help. Carrie is developing spreadsheet with Yvonne's help, and will get it sent out for GSAC members to sign-up. Carrie is also talking to Katie Kirby about getting the info up on the Civic Rec site. We need to encourage folks to go to the Green Keepers and Civic Rec to sign up to volunteer. Groups should aim for 1.5 hours, and communicate with the rec center to see how many folks are signed up, communicate with Yvonne if you need staff help/tools/etc.
- d. Givens Elementary Back to School Bash recap- Jerry was unable to attend
- e. Update from Corin re: Sustainability partnership: 1. Speaker Series, Sustainability all say yes to continue 2. Revisions to lighting ordinance and Dark Sky- yes 3. Reminder of stormwater master plan, but unless we get more funding, it is a loss. GSAC voted on all and all was approved to continue..

VI. New Business

- a. Make a Difference Day- Saturday October 28, 2023. Three projects so far going into Civic Rec for volunteer sign-ups that Jen Starkey will promote on City's website: 1. Honeysuckle sweep (need 30 people) at Lorraine Davis 2. Trash Bash (need 20 people) at Lorraine Davis/Shady Creek/Deer Creek 3. Dig up annuals that Rotary Club normally does but is unable to this year. More projects will be announced as they are added to the list.

VII. Council Update- not update

VIII. City Liaison Update- Make A Difference day info was the update

Meeting adjourned 6:02pm

IX. Next meeting: 10/2/2023 at 5:00 pm, WG City Hall Marsh Room (It is located through the front doors of City Hall and directly to the right.)

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