



City of WEBSTER GROVES

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**WEBSTER GROVES GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** March 1st, 2023

**Location:** City Hall

**Called to Order:** 5:00 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 6:35p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** WEDNESDAY, April 5th 2023, 5:00 p.m. WG City Hall Marsh Room or via Zoom

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Carrie Coyne, Chair	X	
Ginger Garrett	X	
Lynnda Green	X	
Bill Hoss		X
Liz James	X	
Laura Jordan	X	
Joe Oelke	X	
Jerry Pinkner		X
Corin Pursell	X	
Emily Hixson Shepherd, Council Liaison	X	
Yvonne Steingruby, Staff Liaison	X	

- I. Call to Order (By Carrie Coyne)
- II. Roll Call

**III. Minutes from February 1st, 2022 meeting were approved.**

**IV. Visitors Comments:** Jake Roenecke spoke to the Green Space Committee. Should Webster Groves update its Light Ordinances? How can we minimize light pollution? How do we educate the residents? Roughly 80% of urban residents can not see the Milky Way. Please refer to the live recording to watch the lecture in its entirety. Possibly establish and promote a Urban Night Sky Park?

The Council Liaison, Emily Hixson Shepard, liked the idea but expressed caution. Would like to explore more buy in from other city leaders.

Corin Pursell made a motion to advance the topic to next months meeting. Corin feels that this is a worthwhile project and feels that we should further explore the subject. He proposed a possible sub committee or possible joint subcommittee with Sustainability. Motion approves to add to next months meeting.

**V. Old Business:**

- A. Secretary schedule: Joe Oelke Feb/Mar, Liz James Apr/May, Jerry Pinkner Jun/Jul, Lynnda Green Aug/Sep, Laura Jordan Oct/Nov
- B. Trees of Distinction Update: Joe Oelke nominated a Catalpa tree located at 325 Hawthorne Ave in Webster Park. Unique multi stemmed tree located in front of a Historic home. Ginger Garret motions to approve. Corin 2nds the vote. Joe and Ginger will measure the tree and make contact with the homeowner.
- C. Mayor's Monarch Pledge: No update Jerry Pinkner attempted to join the meeting via Zoom but was having technical difficulties.
- D. Speaker Series Update: Proposal of holding the March 16th event at Webster University. The February speaker series was a huge success. Maybe organize the room to seat more people? Emily is working on getting the Speaker Series on the city calendar. Possibly create a Facebook event so people can RSVP?

**Eco-Talks 2023**

**March 16**- "No Mow Month" (April will be the no mow month) with Dr. Gerardo Camilo

**April 20**- Deer Creek and River Des Peres Watershed Awareness- Stacy Arnold and Danielle Haake (Also WG Arbor Day falls in April)

**May 25**- Missouri River's and Streamways with Robert Criss

- E. Stormwater Subcommittee: Carrie and Jamie met with Todd Rehg from Public Works. They looked over a few proposals. Not sure how to pursue. Carrie and Corin are to meet with the Jamie from Sustainability to discuss next steps.
- F. No Mow April Signs Update: have people RSVP for signs. Carrie is currently working with City Hall to get the signs made. Getting prices and trying to be sustainable . Double sided signs? \$25 for one double sided sign! \$16 for a single side printed sign. Shop around to get competitive bids. Make a handout to accommodate the signs. More information regarding No Mow April.
- G. Arbor Day Celebration: Celebration to be held at Blackburn Park. Tree planting at 3:00pm and the Celebration at 5:30 pm. Ginger Garret to provide the Boy Scouts for the Flag Ceremony. Joe Oelke to present this years Tree of Distinction. Carrie to announce the Tree Steward. Yvonne to bring snacks and help make the programs to hand out. The Mayor will do the Arbor Day proclamation.
- H. April 20th Event Coordination: 7pm at the Webster Groves Library. Stacy Arnold and Dannelle Haake to speak. Joe to the introductions and speak for a few minutes prior to the first speaker. Joe to email the speakers to confirm and dial the talk.
- I. Marketing Calendar: Lynnda is going to give the Kirkwood Webster Times information about the upcoming events to have them promote it on their calendar.
- J. Burr Oak Festival: Lizz James and Ginger Garrett are to meetup and discuss the celebration. As well as meet with the original promoters. Attempt to continue the event.
- K. 4th of July Parade: Carrie is asking for participants for the parade.. Decorate a float with signs promoting our committee and other projects. Carrie, Ginger Corin and Yvonne are committed at this time. One suggestion for a topic to promote was “Bees and Trees”.

## **VI. New Business--**

- A.** Honeysuckle Removal: March 14th from 1pm-6pm. Location Elm and Kirkham. Promoted on Greens Keepers, Stream team as well as Facebook.
- B.** Corin Pursell spoke with The Kirkwood Webster Times regarding Composting. Soon to be published.

**VI. City updates**

- A.** GSAC Chair: Carrie had no further updates.
  
- B.** Staff liaison update: Yvonne has been promoting the Speaker Series. Lots of positive feedback from residents. Yvonne spotted two Blue Birds at Southwest Park.
  
- C.** Council liaison update: Emily Hixson Shepherd informed the committee that the City has adjusted the ordinance regarding tall grass to accommodate No Mow April. This will allow residents to participate without facing repercussions and or penalties. She also mentioned that there is a possible Mountain Bike Trail to added to Deer Creek Park. A high School student is in the works to develop a plan and present it to city. Theres no guarantee that it will pass.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm** Carrie Coyne motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ginger Garret 2nd.

**VIII. Next meeting: April 5th, 2023 at 5:00 pm, Marsh Room & zoom**

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