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WEBSTER GROVES GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 3rd, 2023

Location: City Hall

Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:57 p.m.

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

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Carrie Coyne, Chair	X	
Ginger Garrett		X
Lynnda Green	X	
Bill Hoss	X	
Lizz James	X	
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 April 5th, 2023** by Joe Oelke. Seconded by Lizz James. All approved.
- IV. **Motion to have Carrie Coyne remain GSAC Chair.** By Jerry Pinker. Seconded by Joe Oelke. All Approved.
- V. **Secretary Needed for GSAC:** Ginger Garret volunteered to be secretary per Carrie

Coyne. Jerry Pinker made motion to make Ginger Garret secretary. Corin Pursell seconded. Motion approved by all.

VI. A GSAC Vice Chair must be nominated: Joe Oelke volunteers. Jerry Pinker motioned to approve. Carrie Coyne seconded. Motion approved by all.

VII. Review new Rules for Boards and Commissions for City of Webster Groves.

VIII. Visitors:

Stacy Arnold of Deer Creek Watershed Alliance. There is a grant opportunity that could benefit The City of Webster Groves and the Riparian corridor of Shady and Deer Creeks. It is the 319 Deer Creek Watershed plan which is a non point source solution. Step one is a notice of intent to mod nr. Federal sub grant. Notice of intent was submitted in early April. Applications are a lot of work. The Parks Department and Public Works will need to make decisions regarding what they'd want to be included in project, which requires 40% match Likely from the City of Webster Groves. Other matching entities might be MSD or neighboring municipalities. Proposed spending for Marshall Rd, Kirkham Ave, and Brentwood project at Marshall trailhead. Tree protection. Bald eagle at Marshall could potentially add protection. This would be a 3 yr project. Final design by the end of this year fund would include design, implementation and maintenance. Corin Pursell made a motion to support the grant effort for 319 grant, Lynda seconded. Stacey Arnold: the grant due July 1st. We need to come up with solid numbers and a list of desired efforts, and purchases by end of May. Carrie suggested a natural resources inventory. Greenspace should include 10% for educational dollars which is up to \$40k for parks. \$20-30k may be good for training for staff and could be prioritized in the form. Vote to support the motion- all in favor.

IX. Old Business:

- A. Arbor day event. Yvonne Steingrubby reported 40 volunteers and 500 trees in the ground. Next year we may want to tie to a speaker.
- B. No mow, sign can be returned to city hall but must register for a new sign next year. Or can keep sign. Noted that community has requested maybe doing awards next year.
- C. May 18th, schedule change for Bill Criss talk. Lynda Greene will remind commission to repost to advertise.
- D. June 22nd event: conservation planning for MO communities at Webster University.
- E. Green our City initiative: Joe Oelke contacted tree supplier, July 15th educational seminar for homeowners, and planting day October 7th.
- F. 4th of July parade: Corrin Pursell and Carrie Coyne will drive 2 electric vehicles. Giving out info on "Leave the Leaves" and "Pollinator Patrol." Carrie Coyne will register. 2 safety meetings June 24th and June 29th for the parade. Application deadline June 16th. At Masonic Lodge.

- G. Trees of Distinction Update: Yvonne Steingrubby is confirming with homeowners that they'll be home to receive their and has ordered plaques.
- H. Greenspace Advisory and Sustainability commissions subcommittee update: Discussed stormwater master plan. Todd Regh told city council there was an update from Intuition and Logic. City is considering how to pay the \$150,000 cost for recommendations/updates. Jamie of Sustainability Commission or Corin Purcell will give intro at 4/20/23 EcoEd series presentation.
 - Green Space Eco-Ed Talks Spring 2023** (working on new name)
 - January 26**- Our Vanishing Night: Light Pollution with Dark Sky- 7pm- Webster Groves Public Library Meeting Room
 - February 16**- Ecological Lawn Replacement Options with Chuck Caverly- 7pm- Webster Groves Public Library Meeting Room
 - March 16**- "No Mow Month" (April will be the no mow month) with Dr. Gerardo Camilo- 7pm- Webster Groves Public Library Meeting Room
 - April 20**- Deer Creek and River Des Peres Watershed Awareness- Stacy Arnold and Danielle Haake (Also WG Arbor Day falls in April) 7pm- Webster Groves Public Library Meeting Room
 - May 18**- Missouri River's and Streamways with Robert Criss- 6pm- Larson Park Pavillion

X. New Business--

Strategic planning prioritization: our efforts and goals.

What are we doing?:

- Mayor Monarch Pledge and Pollinator Patrol Initiative. No mow April. Leave the Leaves.
- Trees: Trees of distinction. Tree stewards. Tree planting. Leave the Leaves. Green Our City. Arbor day. Tree City USA.
- Education: Eco Ed Talks
- Habitat: Biodiversity, Native Plants, Invasives Removal.
- Storm Water: Subcommittee, update city plan for stormwater events, Missouri Stream Team. Riparian Corridor Work.
- Light Pollution
- Burr Oak Baroque Festival: Fundraising; Should we do an Arbor Day contest for posters? Perhaps for Burr Oak? Could we get a sponsor? Corrin Purcell motioned to support the Burr Oak event. Lizz seconded. All agree. Yvonne Steingrubby will look into possible funding from Earthways or Deer Creek Watershed Alliance, River Des Peres Watershed Coalition. Carrie Coyne will ask Stacie Arnold. Corin Purcell will ask Jean Ponzie. Lizz will ask Stream Team.

- Carrie Coyne is going to work up guiding principles for minutes.
- Stormwater: city is deciding right now whether or not to spend \$150k on update of stormwater master plan. Sustainability commission will use 20k of their American rescue plan money toward that. Do we recommend the spending of this 150k on update to new plan. City can use a combo of city and federal funds from various years. What do we recommend? Corrin Purcell noted that this was top issue on our table for immediate impact on human health. Joe Oelke asked if the city is committed to implementing plans. Emily Hixson, council liaison will take to council that we are recommending they move ahead.
- Pollinator patrol- Jerry described watering schedule. Yvonne, new plantings coming, volunteers are helping. Jerry will coordinate volunteers.

- Emily council update: It's budget season. Big budget meeting last night on how city money is spent. City is currently interviewing for a new municipal judge to start beginning of July
- Yvonne: GSAC members send Yvonne any ideas for 319 grant usage by 5/19

**Jerry Pinker motioned to adjourn, Carrie seconded.
Meeting adjourned 6:57**

XI. Next meeting: 5/3/2023 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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