

GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, April 2, 2018
Location: Webster Groves Recreation Complex
Called To Order: 7:16 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.
Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 7, 2018

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Annie Russell		X
Bill Hoss	X	
Ginger Garrett	X	
Glen Horton	X	
Jenine Harris	X	
Joanne Fogarty	X	
Matt Armstrong, Council Liaison	X	
Peg Pedersen		X
Richard Fitzgerald	X	
Tessa Wasserman	X	
Yvonne Steingrubby, Staff Liaison	X	

Michelle Clemens, Staff

Approval of Minutes: The March meeting minutes were approved with one change noted.

OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Volunteer Projects:

Projects include tree plantings on April 18 at 3:30 pm at Shady Creek Nature Sanctuary. This will take place before the Arbor Day Ceremony at 5:30 pm at the Sculpture Park. Another upcoming volunteer project include the plantings the Girl Scouts will be doing at Larson Park on April 21.

Pollinator Plant Program Update:

Mary Ann Fink is still updating the information gathered from the parks.

Tree City USA Luncheon:

Four GSAC members will be attending this luncheon, which is being held at the Lodge in Des Peres on April 6. GSAC members attending are Bill Hoss, Jenine Harris, Annie Russell and Yvonne Steingrubby.

Arbor Day Planning

The annual Arbor Day activity will be held on April 18. It will begin at Shady Creek Nature Sanctuary 3:30 – 5:30 pm for the tree planting. We will then move to the Sculpture Park for the actual event. Scouts will be handling the flag ceremony. Other activities will include the proclamation from the Mayor, presentation of the Trees of Distinction awards by Joanne Fogarty, presentation of the Tree Steward Award and closing ceremony. Yvonne has completed the program, awards have been ordered and work is being done on the proclamation. It was agreed that some GSAC members would bring water and cookies. Jenine Harris will be out of town and not available. Ginger will work on publicizing the event. Yvonne can provide tents if it rains.

NEW BUSINESS:

GSAC members were asked to begin considering what the next project might be. One option could include a speaker seminar on pollinators. One had been planned for February but had to be canceled. Additional ideas and details can be discussed at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE: Richard Fitzgerald

Richard mentioned that the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance organization would be holding upcoming seminars regarding their rain garden / rainscape rebate program. Those interested in applying for a grant should attend one of the seminars. Information can be found on their website: www.deercreekalliance.org/register.

COUNCIL UPDATE: Matt Armstrong

*A reminder was made regarding the election taking place tomorrow and the importance of voting.

*Councilman Armstrong informed the commission that the City's contract with Meridian Waste is being terminated effective this June. Waste Management will once again handle trash removal for the City. The City has received numerous complaints regarding Meridian Waste and it was decided it was in the best interest of the City to switch to Waste Management, which had submitted the second lowest bid.

STAFF UPDATE: Yvonne Steingrubby

*Staff will be implementing new procedures in their honeysuckle removal efforts at the back side of Larson Park.

*A comment was made that the spray the trucks use for mosquito control are destroying pollinators. It was clarified that the City itself does not do the spraying. The trucks come from STL County, based on complaints it receives regarding mosquitos. It was suggested that the City adopt a resolution to ban spraying or to opt out of the County program. Yvonne will contact the County to see what the procedure is to opt out and what the options are.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 7, 7:15 pm at the Recreation Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

