

GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, March 4, 2019
Location: Webster Groves Recreation Complex
Called To Order: 7:20 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.
Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 7:15 pm

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Annie Russell	X	
Bill Hoss	X	
Frank Janoski, Council Liaison		X
Ginger Garrett	X	
Glen Horton	X	
Joanne Fogarty		X
Peg Pedersen		X
Richard Fitzgerald, Chairman	X	
Tessa Wasserman	X	
Yvonne Steingrubby, Staff Liaison	X	

Michelle Clemens, staff
Jamie Hasemeier, Sustainability Commission Member

Approval of Minutes: The February meeting minutes were approved as written.

Visitor Comments:

Sustainability Commission member Jamie Hasemeier was attending the meeting to discuss the potential of the Sustainability Commission (SC) collaborating with the Green Space Advisory Commission (GSAC) on some future projects. Jamie mentioned that one type of project they want to look into is developing a plan to upgrade the recycling program into a single stream system. Along with developing this plan, they would also be looking into ways to promote the program and get the information out. Another project they are considering is to readdress the walkable plan in Webster, which would include making suggestions to City Council to move this forward.

Tess provided Jamie with a brief overview of the types of projects the GSAC is involved in. This includes the Speaker Series, Trees of Distinction and Tree Steward Programs, various volunteer projects, the annual Arbor Day event, etc. It was mentioned that perhaps the SC and GSAC could work together to present a speaker series on Webster's walkability/bike ability. Jamie will take the information back to the SC for future discussion and we will continue to look for ways to work together in the future.

Old Business

Volunteer Projects:

March 23: 8:30 – 11:30 am. Shady Creek. Second honeysuckle sweep. If interested, sign up through Green Keepers. This is sponsored by Great Rivers Greenway. The honeysuckle walk & rub is ongoing every Tuesday and signups can also be made through the Green Keepers website.

Trees of Distinction Program:

Jenine Harris, who has resigned from the GSAC board to serve on the Library Board, has given Yvonne all the Trees of Distinction information / files to pass on to whoever would now be interested in coordinating this program. Tessa mentioned she could possibly help with this but then would be not available to coordinate a poster contest.

We still need pictures of the new tree nominations, as well as measurements if possible. Others that could be nominated this year are past nominees that were not selected. At this time, the GSAC members need to go look at each nominee and the winner will be chosen at the April meeting. Once the winner is selected, the owner can then be contacted and tree measurements taken. Yvonne will scan and email out the current photos that she has. Annie will obtain photos of the new nominees after Yvonne sends her the addresses.

Arbor Day Event Planning

This will take place on Wednesday, April 24th at Southwest Park. Tree plantings will take place 3:00 – 5:30 pm, with the ceremony starting at 5:30. Ginger will take care of getting a Scout troop for the flag ceremony. She will also issue press releases. Yvonne will take care of the awards, obtaining the proclamation, inviting City Council and ordering the trees. She will also take care of bringing chairs, the podium, microphone, table and refreshments. Some of the trees will be used as give-aways at the ceremony, others will be planted. After discussion, it was agreed that Cindy Lueders will be awarded the Tree Steward award. Annie will get the personal bio from Cindy, which will be read upon presentation of the award.

SC member Jamie Hasemeier inquired as to if the SC could participate in this event. Yvonne said she would email City Manager Steve Wylie (who is also staff liaison to the SC) to get his opinion.

New Business

Future Projects:

- Arbor Day event on April 24th
- May Speaker Series on May 6th. The topic will be “All About Trees”. Additional details will be discussed at the April meeting.

Updates:

- Due to Jenine’s resignation, there is now a vacancy on the GSAC board. There is a potential candidate who is a landscape architect and arborist. Others interested in applying should fill out an application on the City’s website.
- The annual Tree City USA Luncheon will be held at the Lodge in Des Peres on April 5th. It was decided that Richard, Tessa, Annie and Yvonne will represent the GSAC.
- Tessa and Richard will be attending the next City Council meeting, per Council’s request, to provide an update/overview of the GSAC. Each month a different commission will be asked to provide updates to Council.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2019 7:15 pm at the Recreation Complex

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.