

GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, May 7, 2018
Location: Webster Groves Recreation Complex
Called To Order: 7:16 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.
Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 4, 2018

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Volunteer Projects:

A youth group from the Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City will be in town and volunteering for a half day on May 31st and the entire day on June 1st. Yvonne is looking into ideas for their half day of service. The new community garden off Kirkham came up as a possible option. On June 1st they will be spreading wood chips in the Bird Sanctuary at Blackburn Park.

Pollinator Plant Program Update:

A discussion regarding possible speaker series will take place at next month's meeting. Yvonne has secured a MDC Grant to plant 2,500 pollinator perennials at Lockwood Park.

Tree City USA Luncheon:

The four GSAC members who attended the luncheon at the Lodge in Des Peres on April 6 said it was very nice. The GSAC members in attendance were Bill Hoss, Jenine Harris, Annie Russell and Yvonne Steingrubby.

Arbor Day Ceremony:

The annual Arbor Day Ceremony held on April 18th went well. Trees were planted at Shady Creek Nature Sanctuary from 3:30 – 5:30 pm by Boy Scout Troop 301. The focus then moved to the Sculpture Park for the ceremony. Cub Scouts from Pack 314 and Boy Scouts from Troop 314 took care of the flag ceremony. The ceremony included the proclamation from the Mayor and presentation of the Trees of Distinction awards and Tree Steward Award.

Yvonne is working on a Forest Re-Leaf Grant for Lorraine Davis Park and looking to have the Arbor Day Ceremony there next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Potential GSAC Projects: A more detailed discussion will be held at next month's meeting regarding the Pollinator Speaker Series and mosquito spraying.

Ameren UE Speaker Ameren will be back in the community in about nine months to trim trees around the power lines. They are available to come and speak about the process and answer any questions. They could be included with the Pollinator Speaker series, taking up a short amount of time before or after the main speaker.

Mosquito spraying research/education The spraying is killing our pollinators and that is bad news. Yvonne is going to provide Glen Horton with the contact information for Vector Control with the STL County Health Department so he can invite them to our next meeting. The goal is to better understand the process. The GSAC would also like to know if the entire City of Webster Groves can opt out of the spraying program and if there are other more environmentally friendly ways to keep the mosquitos away. Bat houses and creating ecosystems that support bugs that eat mosquitoes were mentioned.

Community Days 2018 Due to so many people being out of town over the 4th of July, it was decided GSAC will not participate in the 2018 parade.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE: None

COUNCIL UPDATE: David Franklin is the new Council Liaison to GSAC.

*Memorial Park is an ongoing discussion. Council is going to get everyone involved into the same room, so they can hopefully come to a resolution that works for everyone. Ideally, that would include keeping all the tennis courts. There is the \$400K park grant that would cover the repairs and updating of four of the courts to consider before the deadline to submit a grant proposal passes.

*The question was asked by David: Should the Carnival be smaller? There was also some discussion, about where it should be held. GSAC unanimously agreed that it should never be on Memorial Field again.

STAFF UPDATE: Yvonne Steingrubby

*Continuing all projects in motion and have all parks back together by the end of the year.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 4, 7:15 pm at the Recreation Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.