

GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, August 6, 2018
Location: Webster Groves Recreation Complex
Called To Order: 6:45 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.
Next Meeting Date: **Monday, September 10, 2018**

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

Michelle Clemens: staff

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

Pollinator Speaker Series:

Following this meeting tonight, the GSAC will adjourn to the Scout meeting rooms to setup for the 7:30 p.m. speaker series. The speakers are Ann Earley and Bob Siemer. Their talk will focus on encouraging the planting of native plants to support the Monarch butterfly population, their life cycle, population trends, etc.

Pollinator Plant Program Update:

No update at this time.

Volunteer Projects:

October 20th: MSD is coordinating a Trash Bash to be held on October 20th. Yvonne will forward further information to the GSAC as she gets it. The big cleanup event will be staged at Willmore Park, with the Webster Groves segment to be held at Lorraine Davis Park. Information about Oct 20 River des Peres Watershed Trash Bash has been added to http://www.deercreekalliance.org/wg_green_keepers

October 27th: Make A Difference Day. Numerous projects are being planned. Volunteers can sign up for a specific project or check the Green Keepers Webster Groves website (see previous paragraph) for other projects. If interested, the GSAC can assist with the honeysuckle sweep at Lorraine Davis Park, working along with Great Rivers Greenway. A sign up page for Honeysuckle Removal at Lorraine Davis park on Oct. 27th has been added to http://www.deercreekalliance.org/honeysuckle_removal

COUNCIL UPDATE: None

CHAIRMAN UPDATE: None

Richard mentioned that he did receive a grant to install a rain garden on his property. This grant will reimburse him up to 75% of the cost.

STAFF UPDATE: Yvonne Steingrubby

Barbre Park: the new walkway has been installed and the paver bricks (purchased through individual donations) are also being installed as part of the base for the sculpture that is planned there. The sculpture has been ordered and brick orders are still being accepted.

Lorraine Davis Park: A small shelter area and rain garden have been installed at this location.

The ribbon cutting for the GRG trail is scheduled for 10am, Oct. 13th at Lorraine Davis Park

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Speaker Series

Erin Shank from the Missouri Department of Conservation has expressed an interest in being a speaker at the next GSAC sponsored speaker series. This will be held on Monday, October 1st, 7:30 p.m. in the Scout Rooms of the Recreation Complex. Erin is an urban wildlife biologist and the topic will be Urban Wildlife. We will follow the same schedule on October 1st as we are this evening: the GSAC will have a brief meeting at 6:45 p.m. and adjourn to the meeting rooms at 7:00 pm to setup for the event, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Further details will be discussed at the September meeting. Information about Erin Shank's pollinator talk on Oct 1st has been posted at

http://www.deercreekalliance.org/pollinator_talk_2

Tree List Review

Yvonne requested that the GSAC review the list of approved trees and plantings from the City's website / tree ordinance and bring any suggested edits to the September meeting. The list is being updated and input is requested from the GSAC. Discussion will be held at the September meeting.

Tessa suggested that consideration be made to form a group that could be called to "rescue" native plantings prior to new construction beginning. A lot of native plants are being destroyed and she would like to see if it would be feasible to try to save some of the plantings.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 10th, 7:15 pm at the Recreation Complex.

Please note: this is the second Monday of the month as the first Monday (regular meeting date) is a holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.