

GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, February 4, 2019
Location: Webster Groves Recreation Complex
Called To Order: 6:45 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:05 p.m.
Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:15 pm

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	

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

Old Business

Volunteer Projects:

March 2: 8:30 – 11:30 am at Shady Creek, honeysuckle sweep. Volunteers can sign up on Green Keepers website. Great Rivers Greenway will provide gloves and breakfast.

Green Keepers also has walking tours planned to address honeysuckle eradication. Walkers will be rubbing off the leaves of honeysuckle to prohibit growth. This will be a five-week project.

Trees of Distinction:

Jenine mentioned she has most of the photos needed for the trees nominated for Trees of Distinction consideration. She was not certain, however, that she has the correct ones. After looking at the photos, it was agreed that one photo had the wrong tree pictured.

Jenine will get the request for Tree of Distinction nominations to the Webster-Kirkwood Times. The information will also be on the City’s website, with a link to a nomination form. The GSAC will select the awardee at their March meeting and it will be announced at the Arbor Day event in April. Jenine will also send the GSAC links of all the nominees for review prior to the March meeting.

New Business

Sustainability Commission Request

The Sustainability Commission has inquired if the GSAC would be interested in working together on future projects. This request was made to Ginger Garrett by Ken Cole, a member of the Sustainability Commission.

After discussion, the GSAC agreed this would be something they would be interested in doing. Ginger will let Ken know and update the GSAC when more information is obtained.

Updates:

- The Arbor Day Foundation has trees available if the GSAC is interested in obtaining some for give-aways at future events.
- Richard was recently contacted by a resident who lives on Elm regarding approximately \$6,000 that was set aside to plant trees along Elm after the road was widened. These funds were never used. The resident has also talked to Yvonne about what options they have to use up the funds.

Trees could still be planted but it would have to be on private property along Elm, not City right-of-ways. There are 66 homes along Elm and not all property owners will want one. The tree size would need to be easy to plant, with 5 – 6 species site specific. Homeowners would need to fill out a request and if not enough were interested, the remaining trees could potentially be planted at the Rec Complex, etc.

There are numerous details to work through such as who would plant the trees, notifying Dig Right, maintaining the trees after planting, etc. The City does not have the time or staff to take on this project. This could be a good GSAC fall project if they are interested. Further discussion can be held at a future meeting.

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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm, at which time the GSAC moved to the Scout meeting rooms to set up for the Speaker Series, which began at 7:30 pm