

GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, April 1, 2019
Location: Webster Groves Recreation Complex
Called To Order: 7:20 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.
Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 6:45 pm
Followed by Speaker Series at 7:30 pm

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Annie Russell	X	
Bill Hoss	X	
Carrie Coyne	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

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

New GSAC Member Introductions:

Carrie Coyne was introduced as the newest GSAC member.

Peg Pedersen indicated she will continue on the Commission until July or until her position is filled. Tessa Wasserman and Glen Horton have expiring terms and need to let Katie at City Hall know if they would like to be considered for another term.

Volunteer Projects:

Volunteers are needed to help with planting trees on April 24th prior to the start of the Arbor Day event. Planting will be done from 3:00 – 5:30 pm. These trees were donated to the City from Forest ReLeaf.

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. Yvonne will purchase some extra trees to be used as give-aways at the ceremony. Cindy Lueders will be awarded the Tree Steward award. The Trees of Distinction Awardee will be determined later at this meeting.

May 6th Speaker Series Planning:

The speaker series will begin at 7:30 pm, with the GSAC setting up the room starting at 7:00 pm. The topic is tree care. GSAC members should bring a dessert and Ginger will bring the lemonade. Tessa will provide some give-aways. It was mentioned it would be nice to have trees to give away as well.

Partnership with Sustainability Commission:

The Sustainability Commission has expressed interest in partnering with the GSAC for participation in the July 4th parade. Richard said he would take care of signing up as a parade entry. The theme is “Scenes of Summer”.

Trees of Distinction Program:

Discussion was held to choose the Trees of Distinction award winner. It was agreed to just have one private tree as a winner this year and not include a public tree. Due to lack of time, we would not be able to obtain the required information on a public tree. The majority voted the shingle oak as this year’s winner, owned by the VanSants. Tessa will contact them to let them know and invite them to the award ceremony during the Arbor Day event.

It was mentioned that eventually the Trees of Distinction brochure would be an electronic version only. This will make it less costly to keep updated and more available to those interested.

Future Projects:

- Arbor Day event on April 24th
- May Speaker Series on May 6th. The topic will be “All About Trees”.
- Participation in July 4th Parade

Chairman Update:

Richard mentioned that he, along with Tessa, attending the Council meeting last month to give them an update on GSAC activities. He said the Council was appreciative of the commission and our efforts, indicating that they were not aware of everything the GSAC has done.

Staff Update:

Yvonne mentioned that the “burning bushes” in front of the Recreation Complex have been removed and new sod put in its place. Additional landscaping will also be installed as weather permits.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019 6:45 pm at the Recreation Complex

The meeting will adjourn at 7:00 pm. The GSAC will then move to the Scout meeting rooms where they will set up for the Speaker Series. This will begin at 7:30 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.