



**Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
October 11, 2017
4:30 PM
Meeting Room 2**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
 - A. *Joyce Steiger Resigned from Committee***
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Approval of September 18, 2017 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Unfinished Business**
 - A. *Olive Bridge Deck Landscape Design Proposal***
 - B. *Tree Board***
 - i. HEB Committee Member Liaison**
 - ii. Replacement Tree Selection**
- 5. New Business**
 - A. *Beautification Awards***
 - B. *Arbor Day Support and Solicitation***
- 6. Comments from the Public**

(Citizens are asked to limit comments to three minutes and to complete a speaker card)
- 7. Business from Members**
- 8. Business from Staff Liaison**
 - A. *Biennial Ethics Training Follow-Up***
- 9. Adjourn**



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Fran Cantor	Committee Member
Rachel Eilbott	Committee Member
Nancy Meyer	Committee Member
James Graham	Committee Chair
Claire Chosid	Committee Vice-Chair
Sue Cohen	Committee Member (Absent)
Teresa Bell	Committee Member
Deneen Dickler	Committee Member (Excused)
Joyce Steiger	Committee Member (Absent)
Lauren Khawaja	Staff Liaison
Ted Ruzicka	Council Liaison
Bill Kelley	Foreman I - Public Works Staff Member
Jim Heines	Public Works Director
Mike Fogg	Operations Superintendent - Public Works Staff Mem

A. Welcome Ted Ruzicka, New Council Liaison

B. Deni Dickler Resigned from Committee

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of July 12, 2017 Horticulture, Ecology and Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Fran Cantor moved, seconded by Nancy Meyer to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fran Cantor, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Nancy Meyer, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Eilbott, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Bell
ABSENT:	Cohen, Steiger

4. Unfinished Business

A. Olive Bridge Deck

General discussion between the committee and several key Public Works staff about the planned Olive Bridge Deck project projected to take place in Spring 2018. Committee will provide feedback to Claire Chosid, and Claire will then provide the final feedback on the design recommendations to the Public Works Department.



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B. Ladue Road/270 Landscaping Needs

Public Works staff confirmed that the lawn area around plantings is being mowed by a contractor. The beds around this area are left to be natural to conceal some equipment stored by MoDOT. Public Works staff noted that they do weed this area as needed.

C. Sign for Demonstration Garden in Millennium Park

Claire Chosid to email Bill Kelley with information for temporary sign. Bill will work with a vendor to create the sign and place it in the demonstration garden.

5. New Business

A. Tree Removal Update & Plantings/Replacements

Tree Board Discussion

B. Street Tree Planting Bid

Jim Heines updated the committee on the tree bids that came in. Several of the types of trees on the original list created by the committee were priced much higher than anticipated and therefore need to be removed from the list. Jim Heines modified the list for the street tree program for Fall 2017. HEB Committee to create tree bid list for next year and provide to the Public Works Department.

C. MDC Grant for Tree Planting

General discussion on grant uses. Jim Heines clarified that the current grant money they have does not allow for the monies to be allocated for the removal and replacement of trees.

D. Japanese Knotweed - KnowKnotweed.org

Jim Heines provided information from a recent conference he attended that discussed the invasive species Japanese Knotweed, which is currently in the Northeast United States. Jim provided handouts with pictures of this invasive species and there was general discussion on how to prevent the species from spreading in Missouri as well as informing the public on this topic.

1. Committee recommends Japanese Knotweed be added to the invasive species list

Fran Cantor moved, seconded by Jim Graham to add Japanese Knotweed to the invasive species list. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fran Cantor, Committee Member
SECONDER:	James Graham, Committee Chair
AYES:	Cantor, Eilbott, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Bell
ABSENT:	Cohen, Steiger

E. Seedlings Order: mdc.mo.gov/seedlings

Lauren to order 250 Witchhazel from MDC for the Arbor Day 2018 event.



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1. To order 250 Witchhazel plants for the Arbor Day 2018 event. The backup order is 250 of Ninebark if Witchhazel is not available

Claire Chosid moved, seconded by Fran Cantor to purchase 250 Witchhazel plants with a backup of 250 Ninebark, if Witchhazel is not available for the Arbor Day 2018 event. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Claire Chosid, Committee Vice-Chair
SECONDER:	Fran Cantor, Committee Member
AYES:	Cantor, Eilbott, Meyer, Graham, Chosid, Bell
ABSENT:	Cohen, Steiger

F. Arbor Day 2018 Notices to Schools

- Lauren to send notice letters to schools to save the date for the Arbor Day 2018 event.
- Lauren to email Jason Valvero, Staff Liaison to the Parks & Historic Preservation Committee, to solicit volunteers from the committee to volunteer for the Arbor Day 2018 event.
- Lauren to email HEB Committee with a list of vendors/participants that attended the Arbor Day 2017 event. Committee members to reach out to these vendor to hold the date for the 2018 event and ask for participation.

6. Comments from the Public

John Bell suggested the committee reach out to churches and other local organizations to gain volunteers for such projects as the Demonstration Garden at Millennium Park.

7. Business from Members

- Claire Chosid asked Lauren Khawaja to email the committee with the Beautification Awards categories from the most recent year. Committee agreed that the Beautification Awards 2018 be on the agenda for all meetings moving forward.
- Claire Chosid told the Public Works staff that there is an overgrown Bald Cypress that is in the median by Craig Rd. There was general discussion of this and surrounding medians.

8. Business from Staff Liaison

A. Newsletter article update

Article Claire Chosid wrote will be featured in the October 2017 resident newsletter.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 18, 2017 4:30 PM (Approval of Minutes)