

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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Bee City USA
Subcommittee Regular
Meeting
~Agenda~

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Thursday
May 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Haddock Building First
Floor Conference Room
504 Washington Street

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction of Tayson Sargis, PCEI

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Bee City USA Subcommittee Commission February 16, 2022 Minutes
(ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes
Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 15 minutes)
Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

3. Consideration of a 2023 Pollinator Project – David Schott
The Bee City USA Subcommittee discussed possible projects for 2023 at their November 10, 2022 and February 16, 2023 meetings. The City has \$2,000 for the project allocated in FY2023. The 2023 project will be a pollinator project in the dog leg of Harvest Park. This area of Harvest Park is intended to focus on pollinators to support the adjacent edible forest. The subcommittee will discuss the timeframe, volunteers, and scope of the 2023 pollinator project.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the 2023 pollinator project details; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

4. Consideration of the Native Plant Species List Narrative (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes
The Bee City USA Subcommittee approved the native plant species list during their February 16, 2023 meeting. The subcommittee will discuss the narrative to incorporate into the native plant species list.

“Welcome to the City of Moscow Native Plant Species for Bees list! We hope this will help you select plants that will fit your garden or land management goals. We wanted to share a few interesting facts about bees that you may not know! Native bees are great pollinators and out-

perform honey bees when it comes to pollinating crops. Another facet of plant-pollinator relationships are that some of these wild bees are “generalists” and can use the pollen and nectar off of most flowering plants, ornamentals or natives. However, some native bees and other pollinators are associated with a specific plant. One example you may have heard of is the relationship between Monarch butterflies and milkweed. Monarch’s only lay their eggs on milkweed and so that is a great one to plant if you want to see Monarch’s in your garden.”

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the narrative for the native plant species list; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

5. Discussion: Integrated Pest Management Plan – David Schott

As part of the Bee City USA requirements, City staff will begin drafting an integrated pest management plan (IMP). The Bee City USA Subcommittee will provide their thoughts to City staff regarding the contents of the plan.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, discussion.

REPORTS / UPDATES

1. Local Native Plants Nursery List – David Schott

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Meeting: August 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Haddock Building First Floor Conference Room

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

PRESENT: Iris Mayes, Chair; Mark Heinlein, Vice Chair; Nancy Tribble; Olivia Shan; Pamela Brunsfeld,
STAFF: Kristie Ingham; David Schott.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Bee City USA Subcommittee Commission November 10, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

Tribble moved to approve the minutes with changes from Mayes. Heinlein seconded. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 15 minutes)

David Hall (Moscow) would BCUSAC consider meeting more frequently instead of quarterly? Schott explained subcommittee's have the option to set up the meeting frequency that works best for them. Mayes also explained that it was agreed upon to be quarterly as most commission members have other jobs and quarterly helps to sustain full commission at meetings.

3. Consideration of the Native Plant Species List (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes / Pam Brunsfeld

The Bee City USA Subcommittee will discuss the revised draft pollinator plant list provided by Pam Brunsfeld of the Bee City USA Subcommittee.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the native plant species list; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Mayes referred to the pollinator plant list in the packet. She has not written up the beginning statement at this time. Brunsfeld has revised and updated the hand out. Schott will have his assistant Melissa Fisher look into putting pictures next to the plant names. He encourages others to send him pictures if they have them. Tribble is concerned about the size the list would get with the pictures. Mayes thought the possibility of doing a brochure on the plants would be nicer.

Schott would like to get this list out to the public before planting season begins. Mayes would like to pick the top 3 plants for photos now. Brunsfeld would like to include a pollinating tree species, and Tribble would like a drought tolerant ornamental plant. Brunsfeld will follow up with 4 native plants and 2 other types such as trees. Mayes asked Brunsfeld to submit pictures on the top 3 plants the commission will agree on at a later date. Mayes along with Schott will look for pictures for the top 6 pollinating plants as well.

Heinlein moved to approve the native plant species list as is to go to the next phase of graphic design. Olivia seconded. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of the Local Native Plants Nursery List (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes / Liv Shan

The Bee City USA Subcommittee will discuss the draft list of local native plants nurseries provided by Liv Shan of the Bee City USA Subcommittee.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the local native plant nursery list; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Mayes referred to the Local Native Plant Nurseries list in the packet. Shan noticed that Desert Jewels Nursery has not been added and Idaho Native Plant Society still needs contact information listed. Mayes called on Hall (Public) wondering if Palouse Prairie has a plant sale every year. Mayes informed Hall they do not, but they have a kit of pollinator plants which consists of 25 different plants that you can pre order, take home, and plant the kit as given.

Pam moved to approve the local native plant nursery list with changes to add Desert Jewels Nursery and contact information for Idaho Native Plant Society. Mark seconded. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Report: Review Draft PCEI Pollinator Photo Contest (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes / Liv Shan

A Pollinator Photo contest conducted from September 5, 2022 through December 1, 2022. Submissions were received in 2022, the contest will occur in-person at “The Pollinator Expo” on March 25, 2023 at Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute. Photos showcasing pollinators, including bees, butterflies, birds and bats were submitted. Thirty-three individuals submitted photographs for this contest, and there were over eighty submissions overall.

Shan informed commission that over 80 photos were submitted. Each category of photos have been narrowed down to a final 1. People will vote at The Pollinator Expo and the winner will receive 5 pollinator plants.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action: report.

6. Consideration of a 2023 Pollinator Project – David Schott

The Bee City USA Subcommittee discussed possible projects for 2023 at their November 10, 2022 meeting. The City has \$2,000 for the project allocated in FY2023. The subcommittee will discuss and finalize a 2023 pollinator project.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the 2023 pollinator project; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Schott recapped November's meeting for the Pollinator Project ideas. Schott was also approached as a possibility of planting pollinators along the creek at Berman Creekside Park. Heinlein and Mayes discussed possibility of putting pussy willows in the swampy area at the Hamilton Community Gardens. Schott informed them that Parks staff is against it as they have to maintain that area and get machinery in and out of there. Mayes and Brunsfeld would like to work on Harvest Park planting pollinator there this year and put off Berman Creekside until next year. Brunsfeld will design a planning plan for Berman Creekside with spacing and placement of specific plants. Mayes would like to also put nice compost around the plants. Tribble also would like to make sure that the grass that is growing there now won't take over the planted seedlings. Heinlein explained that along the retaining wall at Harvest Park is a walkable area and that it would be nice to have some nicer looking plants along it and other plants along the hillside. Brunsfeld suggested to have a designer or architect sketch a plan. Schott doesn't know what that would cost but that would come out of the \$2000. Tribble suggested to reach out to the University of Idaho. Brunsfeld and Mayes will work together to come up with a planting plan. Heinlein would like to include future weed management in the plan as well. Shan let commission know this will possibly be a Fall planting because most nursery's need 6 months to order the plants. Commission agrees to fall planting.

Tribble moved to approve the 2023 pollinator project towards the dog leg at Harvest Park in the Fall. Shan seconded. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS / UPDATES

1. Mayes handed out Pollinator Summit flyers.
2. Schott let commission know that this is Shan's last meeting. Shan let commission know she does have someone in mind to replace her. Shan will email Schott with his information.

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