

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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Bee City USA
Subcommittee **Special**
Meeting
~Agenda~

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Thursday
November 30, 2023

9:00 AM

Haddock Building First
Floor Conference Room
504 Washington Street

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Bee City USA Subcommittee Commission August 10, 2023 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 the 2023 Annual Report to Bee City USA (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes / David Schott**
The Bee City USA Subcommittee will discuss the contents of the 2023 draft annual report to Bee City USA. From the information gathered, staff will prepare the draft annual report to present at the February 8, 2024 Bee City USA Subcommittee meeting. The final annual report is due to Bee City USA February 28, 2024.

This information will also be used to prepare an annual report and presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The target presentation date to the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is February 22, 2024.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the content of the 2023 annual report; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS / UPDATES

1. **Harvest Park Dogleg Pollinator Planting Report: Mark Heinlein**
2. **Review Bee City USA Subcommittee member contact information: Iris Mayes**

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Meeting: February 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Haddock Building First Floor Conference Room

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Iris, Mayes; Chair, Mark Heinlein; Vice Chair, Pamela Brunsfeld

STAFF: David Schott, Melissa Fisher

1. Approval of Bee City USA Subcommittee Commission May 11, 2023 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.

Brunsfeld moved to approve the minutes. Heinlein seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

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

David Hall (Moscow, Idaho) contributed several miscellaneous edits to the Bee City USA Native Plant Species Guide, which were emailed to Schott prior to the meeting.

3. Consideration of the Native Plant Species Guide (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes / David Schott

The Bee City USA Subcommittee approved the native plant species list during their February 16, 2023 meeting and the narrative during the May 11, 2023 meeting. City staff have created a draft guide for consideration of the subcommittee. The purpose of the guide is twofold. One, public outreach and education. Two, the guide is part of the requirements for the Bee City USA affiliation.

The commission reviewed the draft guide and had several miscellaneous edits. The edits were all discussed and agreed upon.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Native Plant Species Guide; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Heinlein moved to approve the Native Plant Species Guide, with the discussed edits made. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

4. 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.

The Commission discussed a tentative project date of September 23rd 2023, and also discussed reaching out to several different groups (Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute and Moscow Garden Club) for their assistance in planting a variety of species of pollinator plants in the dog leg of Harvest Park.

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

Heinlein made motion to approve the tentative date of September 23, 2023 for the pollinator plant project. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

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

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Bee City USA

Renewal Preview – Report on 2022

This is a preview of questions on the Bee City USA annual renewal form. You can use this to gather your responses before copying and pasting them into the official form. You will be asked to review and update your contact information and other general information about your committee on the **About** and **Profile** tabs. *New affiliates have one calendar year before they report. If you joined in 2022, you do not need to report or pay until 2/29/2024.*

Education & Outreach

How many pollinator-related events did you host or help with last year (in total)?

February 23 & 24, 22 Pollinator Summit: TOTAL PEOPLE

March 1 & 2, 2023 Pollinator Summit: TOTAL PEOPLE

March 25, 2023 PCEI Pollinator Expo and Photo Contest: TOTAL PEOPLE

How many people attended those events (in total)?

See Above

How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

Four, one at each entry point of the City, were installed in the summer of 2022.

Did your city council/county commission (highest elected body) issue a proclamation for National Pollinator Week last summer?

No, but City of Moscow staff plans on a 2024 proclamation for National Pollinator Week.

Please describe pollinator conservation event(s) in your community last year, whether your committee hosted them or not, but indicating which of the events your committee hosted. Recommended word count: 200-400 words.

Each year, the University of Idaho Latah County Extension Office, the Palouse Environmental Sustainability Coalition, the City of Moscow, Rural Roots, the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, and the Moscow Food CO+OP host an annual Pollinator

Summit

to support native pollinators in the Palouse Region. The Summit features multiple speakers presenting on a range of topics regarding pollinators, their habitat, the role of biodiversity and strategies for creating new pollinator habitat on the Palouse.

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute conducted a photo in the later part of 2022 and ended on March 25, 2023 at The Pollinator Expo. 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. The community was quite excited about this contest, the event that will follow, and the current emphasis on pollinators, with remarks such as "...I love going out in the field with my camera and have been researching insects that pollinate our native flowers that get little to no recognition."

Please upload a photo(s) of education & outreach activities (up to 3 photos).



Figure 1. Promotional Material used to advertise the contest

Figure 2. Submission by Vince Murray

Figure 3. Submission by Cameron Nielsen

Please provide a caption for each education & outreach photo you uploaded.

See Above

Enhancing Pollinator Health & Habitat

How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance last year?

May 21, 2022 Harvest Park Dogleg Pollinator Plantings: TOTAL PEOPLE

August 23, 2023 Harvest Park Dogleg Pollinator Plantings: TOTAL PEOPLE

How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

60,268 Square Feet

How many volunteers helped with those projects?

See Above

Please check all that describe the habitats you helped to create or enhance last year with pollinator benefit in mind:

- Flower garden;
- Vegetable garden;
- Orchard;
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species;
- **Meadow; Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...);**
 - Pesticide free park program – 2023 Kiwanis Park
- Herb garden;
- **Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate);**
 - Harvest Park dogleg volunteer project on May 21, 2022.
- **Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement;**
 - String trimming Canada thistle on dogleg of Harvest Park
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting;
 - 2023 Arbor Day celebration at Moscow public Library
- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting;
 - Dog leg of Harvest Park on August 23, 2023
- Rain garden/bioswale;
 - Rain garden constructed on the southside of Highway 8 near the intersection of Highway 8 and Jackson Street to support stormwater goals.
- Roadside/rights of way planting;
- School garden;
- Other

Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement event(s) in your community last year, whether your committee hosted them or not. Recommended word count: 200-400 words.

On May 21, 2022, one hundred and fifty (150) pollinator plants were planted as a volunteer project in a partnership between the City of Moscow and the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute by XXXXX volunteers in the dogleg portion of Harvest Park. The 60,268 square foot area is intended to support the main area of Harvest Park. Harvest Park is intended to be an edible forest. The pollinator plantings on the steep dogleg portion of the park provides habitat for pollinators to benefit the adjacent food forest.

A second volunteer project was held on August 23, 2023 in the dogleg of Harvest Park to plant species to support pollinators. Fifty volunteers planted sixty-six shrubs and disperse

four species of forbs to support pollinator species habitat to support the adjacent Harvest Park food forest.

Please upload a photo(s) of pollinator habitat and related activities (up to 3 photos).



Please provide a caption for each pollinator health & habitat photo you uploaded.

Figure 1: May 21, 2022 volunteer project at Harvest Park to promote pollinator habitat.

Figure 2: May 21, 2022 volunteer project at Harvest Park engaging youth for the importance of creating pollinator habitat.

Figure 3: August 23, 2023 volunteer project at Harvest Park to promote pollinator habitat.

Policies & Practices

What actions have you taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly?

- (Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan;
- **Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management);**
 - Harvest Park has been designed with no or very little pesticide use under the Harvest Park Management Plan that was adopted by Moscow City Council through Resolution 2022-18 on June 27, 2022.
- **Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds;**
 - Harvest Park has been designed with no or very little pesticide use under the Harvest Park Management Plan that was adopted by Moscow City Council through Resolution 2022-18 on June 27, 2022.
- Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds;
- Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied;
- Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds;
- **Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds;**
- Dropped pesticide use altogether on city or campus grounds; Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use;

Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>);

- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids; Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>);
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids)

Please provide more detail about pollinator-friendly pest management actions on city or campus managed property. Recommended word count: 200-400 words.

The City of Moscow is in the process of developing an edible forest, Harvest Park. Under the management plan for the park, the City heard from community members the desire to have little or no pesticide use in Harvest Park. The Harvest Park Management Plan adopted by Moscow City Council on June 27, 2022 through Resolution 2022-18 reflects this community driven request.

The City of Moscow has also implemented a pesticide free park program. The program designates one park per calendar year to be pesticide free. The park is selected by City of Moscow Parks staff and communicated to Sustainable Environment Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission. The designed park will rotate each year and include a playground. This program gives our community with pesticide sensitivities a park option. The program aligns with the 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update to reduce pesticides.

The City of Moscow has also ceased to using neonicotinoids for aphid control through soil drenching in Downtown trees.

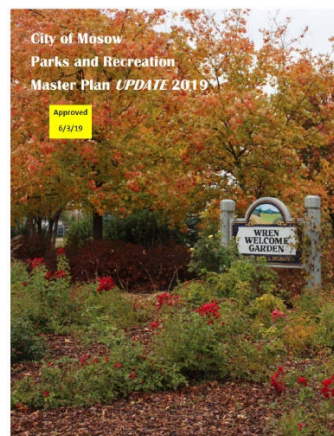
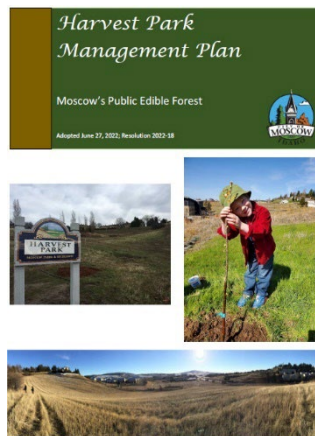
Are efforts underway in your community to further reduce pesticide use in residential or business areas? This may include neighborhood-led efforts, outreach to landscapers, etc. If so, please describe.

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?

Please describe actions by your affiliate to attend training on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management and/or to review IPM plans and programs considered of high quality by Bee City USA?

Do you consider yourself a model for other affiliates? Are you available to teach and mentor other affiliates?

Please upload a photo related to your policies and practices.



Please upload a caption for your photo.

Figure 1: Pesticide Free Park sign

Figure 2: Harvest Park Management Plan

Figure 3: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

Other

Please upload a photo related to your committee.

Need Group Photo

Please provide a caption for your photo.

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Upload the following items to your **Profile** tab

URL for your recommended locally native plant species list

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/1046/Bee-City-USA>

URL for regional suppliers of those plants

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/1046/Bee-City-USA>

URL for integrated pest management plan

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