

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Harvest Park Subcommittee
Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Wednesday
September 13, 2023

3:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

The meeting was called to order at 3:01PM

PRESENT: Mark Heinlein; Chair, Zena Hartung; Vice Chair, Iris Mayes, Tim Steury

STAFF: David Schott, Melissa Fisher

1. Approval of the Harvest Park Subcommittee July 12, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Mark Heinlein

Presentation of minutes for approval.

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

Iris moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tim seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

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

None.

3. Consideration of Soils Testing Results Provided by the University of Idaho (ACTION ITEM) – Mark Heinlein / David Schott

The Harvest Park Subcommittee will discuss the soil analysis results. The subcommittee will discuss options to promote soil health in preparation for edible plants.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve actions to increase soil health for Harvest Park; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Schott advised he met with a soil expert and reviewed the results of the soil analysis. It was suggested to perform a lime requirement test to determine how much lime would be needed. The expert felt the lime application was a good idea, particularly in the hillside and bowl area of Harvest Park. The expert also discussed utilizing mulch and composting, however it would need to be maintained. The commission discussed the low availability of boron and the possibility of using organic matter. Commission unanimously agreed in having a lime requirement test performed, to determine how much lime would be needed in the future.

4. Consideration of a Fall Cover Crop (ACTION ITEM) – Mark Heinlein

The Harvest Park Subcommittee will discuss a fall cover crop for the park.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the species list for the fall cover crop at Harvest Park; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Mayes made a motion to proceed with the purchasing of winter wheat, red clover, winter rye and vetch for the Harvest Park cover crop. Hartung seconded. Roll call votes. Ayes. unanimous. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of an October Tour of Harvest Park (ACTION ITEM) – Mark Heinlein

Previously, there was a discussion about an October tour of the park by the Harvest Park Subcommittee. Part of the discussion included extending an invitation to the Bee City USA Subcommittee. The Harvest Park Subcommittee will discuss the details of a tour including date and time.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve 2023 October Harvest Park tour details; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Hartung made a motion to meet on October 18th 2023 for the Harvest Park Pedestrian Tour and extend the invitation to the Moscow Tree Commission and The Bee City USA Sub commission. Mayes seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Upcoming Fall Planting Project, September 23, 2023 – Mark Heinlein

Heinlein advised he would reach out to the Idaho Native Plant Society and the Master Gardener's Program to see if they would be interested in helping plant at Harvest Park on September 23, 2023. Heinlein stated he has approximately 20 students from the environmental club that will be at Harvest Park to assist in planting.

The commission discussed a seed giveaway. Hartung suggested creating envelopes with instructions on how to care for the seeds. Mayes discussed incorporating the seed giveaway into one of her gardeners' classes in October 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Harvest Park Subcommittee meeting is November 8, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned 4:17pm.

