

**Parks & Public Landscaping
Advisory Board
Bee City USA Subcommittee
Meeting Agenda
January 3, 2024
Louisville Library Board Room
951 Spruce Street
5:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

VI. Discussion of Workplan

Meetings with Marshall Fire Families

Library Seed Swap

Pollinator-Friendly Planting Initiatives

Speaker Program

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Plant/Seed Swap

Local School Program, Pollinator Art Contest

Seed Paper making project with BoCo Parks and Open Space

Landscape Templates from Northern Water

Open House for Sustainable Landscaping for Marshall Fire rebuilds

VII. Budget Items Discussion

VIII. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

IX. Adjournment

Taking off!



Bee City USA Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2023
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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Susan McEachern called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

II. Roll Call

John Webb, PPLAB, Chair, Absent
Signe Buck, PPLAB, Absent
Josh Cooperman, SAB, Present
Susan McEachern, OSAB, Co-Chair, Present
Jean Morgan, Community, Absent
Helen Moshak, OSAB, Present
Patricia Rogers, Absent
Amy Yarger, Butterfly Pavilion, Absent
Abby McNeal, Staff Rep, Absent

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Susan

Seconded: Helen

Agenda Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Helen

Seconded: Josh

Minutes Approved

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V. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

None

VI. Workplan

Meetings with Marshall Fire Families

Helen inquired whether the Committee just plans to perform some informal outreach. Susan stated that programming from Northern Water has superseded the Committee's plans. Susan plans to attend the meeting cited below as a Committee representative.

From Marshall Fire Recovery Newsletter:

Sustainable Landscape Templates Open House

Monday, Dec. 11 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Louisville Recreation & Senior Center, 900 Via Appia Way

Email Inerad@northernwater.org to add your name to the interest list.

Library Seed Swap

Louisville Library will host a Seed Swap on March 2, 2024. Susan has excess seeds from Ecotober, but the Committee may want to solicit seed donations from the community. Susan will coordinate with John also about bringing Bee City USA materials to the swap.

Helen inquired about coordinating or following up on the seed swap with a plant swap. Susan volunteered that the Committee probably does not have the resources to organize a plant swap in 2024. Helen reported that she reached out to the Colorado Beekeeping Society about growing plants but that she just received an initial response.

Pollinator-Friendly Planting Initiative

The Committee agreed that renovating the Louisville Arboretum renovation is a good idea. Susan would like to see native shrubs and other perennials, perhaps as a demonstration garden; she suggested that the Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board should lead these efforts.

The Committee touched briefly on the possibility of Louisville pollinator - friendly garden tours. Susan noted that the Colorado Native Plant Society has included Louisville gardens on its tours in the past; she will inquire with the Society. The Committee should decide when to solicit and select gardens and work through the necessary logistics. Perhaps a City Department could sponsor (Parks, Open Space, Sustainability, Water, Fire Department) the event.

The Committee also touched briefly on a volunteer program in Louisville like that in Superior where residents worked on vacant lots to help with weed management and stabilizing slopes. Josh volunteered that he has not heard anything about this possibility. Susan thought that such a program is probably outside the scope of the Committee.

Speaker Program

Helen will continue outreach to her beekeeping contact. Susan thought that the owner of Harlequin Gardens (Michael) would be likely to speak in the Committee's series. Susan will continue outreach to her dark skies contact (Debra).

Preliminary dates available at Louisville Library:

Jan. 16, 22, 24, 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Feb. 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 28, and 29, 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Due to urgent needs of the community, we should consider more than one presentation per month!

We would like to focus on the order of presentations that might best serve the community, but timing is flexible:

Landscape Planning
Fire Resilience
Pollinator Gardens with Native Plants

Soil Restoration
Water Wise Planting
Turf Alternatives

So far, Amy has been in touch with Mikela Trove (spelling?) for a presentation in January. Amy is available for a February time slot. Susan is in touch with a speaker from the Northern Water Board for March. John has a potential speaker from Colorado Native Plant Society, looking at possible presentation titles.

A tentative April presentation on dark skies could also feature night-flying insects.

Plant/Seed Swap

See the notes above about the Louisville Library seed swap. The Colorado Native Plant Society has a plant exchange in the Spring. Can the Committee participate? Should we participate as a group under the Bee City moniker? We have been talking about a plant swap in June.

Helen will talk to the Denver Urban Garden group to see if they are aware of any resources for a greenhouse, plant growing option for germinating our seeds for the plant swap.

Local School Program, Pollinator Art Contest

No update.

Seed Paper making project with BoCo Parks and Open Space

Susan has had difficulty scheduling the seed paper making project. A few venues are still options though. The event will probably be limited to children ten years or older. There should be one adult for each participant.

The City is hosting a story walk at Community Park (?) from 12 through 28 April with an event on 12 April. The story is bee-themed, so the Committee might consider a booth, perhaps with a simple craft.

VII. Budget and Funding Options

Suggested Budget Items:

Farmer's Market Booth Fee (June)	\$ 45.00
Kids Activity at Farmer's Market	\$100.00
Bee City Stickers for Farmer's Market	\$100.00
Art Contest Awards (May)	\$300.00
Speaker Fees (donations to Org's)	\$500.00

The Committee wonders whether the Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board has a budget to share.

VIII. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

- Update from Patricia on the school art project.
- Update from Josh on school pollinator gardens.
- Discuss the garden next to the Louisville Arts Center.
- Continue to make preparations for speakers.
- Report on open house for sustainable landscaping for Marshall fire rebuilds.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM. Next meeting January 3, 2023.

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Discussion of Workplan Notes

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Pollinator-Friendly Planting Initiatives

John is working with Kristine Johnson, of Cool Boulder, to create a simplified restoration guide, including soil preparation and restoration, water-wise planting, fire-wise planting, and pollinator friendly planting best practices.

Speaker Program

We have three Speakers lined up and rooms reserved at the Library for January and February dates. Amy Yarger, Horticulture Director at Butterfly Pavilion, will speak on “An Introduction to Pollinators,” scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024.

Micaela Truslove, Commercial Horticulture Specialist, CSU Extension, Boulder County, will speak on “Pollinator Gardening,” Monday evening, February 5, 2024, at the Louisville Library First Floor Meeting Room.

Don Murray of People and Pollinators Action Network (PPAN) will speak about PPAN and the work they do around the state and what we can do locally to support our pollinators (reduce insecticides, native plantings, etc.). PPAN has been responsible for removing Glyphosphate and 2-4D from the shelves of garden centers and putting these pesticides back in the hands of professionals. PPAN sponsored legislation that has created the first ever Insect Health Inventory for the State of Colorado. Tentatively scheduled for the evening of Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024.

There are some issues with the AV system in the Library First Floor Meeting room, which are inconvenient, but serviceable. Alternative locations at the Rec Center are being explored.

Up-coming Meetings of Interest

Ways to Make and Keep a Garden for the Birds & Bees, a conference co-sponsored by Audubon Rockies Habitat Hero and Cheyenne-High Plains Audubon Society, Laramie, WY, Saturday Feb. 3, 2024. In-person and remote attendance options are available. Registration information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-landscaping-with-colorado-native-plants-conference-tickets-761926190747>

Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference, presented by Colorado Native Plant Society, Saturday, Feb. 24, Boulder, CO. The Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference promotes the inclusion of native plants in our landscaping to benefit pollinators and songbirds, save water, and restore the beauty and health of nature in the places we live, work and play. Registration information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-landscaping-with-colorado-native-plants-conference-tickets-761926190747>