

Society of Ceres Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date 3/8/2020	Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89521153438
Time 5:30 - 7:00 PM	Teleconference 312-626-6799,,89521153438

Invitees

				City	
Committee Members				Representation	Residents
Caroline Stevens	Gavin Duke	Lisa Ellis	Peter Grimaldi	Jim Hunt	Gray Thornberg
Carolyn Sorenson	Jill DeBona	Martha Phipps	Seth Stewart	Lyle Patterson	
Carter Dawson	Laura Katherine Wood	Michael Dixon		Beth Reardon	

Agenda

Topic	Discussion Items	Notes
Admin	Action Items from previous meetings	<p>1. LK to send list of planting categories for BMT to Committee. Committee to return to LK by 2/20. LK to resend for Committee review before March meeting COMPLETE</p> <p>2. Committee to send LK any archival information from past meetings, garden tours, etc. COMPLETE</p> <p>3. Committee members send LK questions for Commissioner Retreat by 2/13 COMPLETE</p> <p>4. Carter Dawson to write short overview of Tree Ordinance with bullet points COMPLETE</p>
	Financials	<p>Review financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beth will be able to answer any questions about monthly statements <p>Fundraising Letters</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: LK to send final copy of fundraising letter to Committee</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Committee to sign letter at City Hall by Thursday</p>
	Belle Meade Together Update	<p>3/3 Steering Committee meeting recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed options for Belle Meade Boulevard and Harding Place walkability and traffic calming Did not discuss any beautification or plantings. KH is waiting on Ceres to provide recommended plant list <p>Plantings List for Kimley-Horn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you all for your submissions! Next step is to review all plantings, locations and categories <p>Address concerns from Ceres Committee regarding roles of Kimley-Horn and Ceres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clarify this objective, Kimley-Horn will NOT be creating a planting program for either the boulevard or our parks, traffic islands or chicanes. They are looking to US to do this. Many comments about "wanting to wait to do any plantings in case Kimley-Horn has a different idea" or that Kimley-Horn will "reject our design and pull it up" to plant their own designs. Kimley-Horn has asked Ceres to create the plantings list, and while they may suggest some landscape features, the planting design will continue to be Ceres. Most importantly, there has got to be aesthetic continuity across Belle Meade no matter what the specimens. Will Kimley-Horn assimilate these suggestions (no, LK is doing that), assume the leadership role (no, that is Ceres) and own the success of the plan (that is up to the Commissioners, our Committee and all of us as residents) This is a long-term plan with recommendations only. Every project will be voted on by Commissioners and have resident input before implementation
	Ceres Long Term Plan	<p>Website mockup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scanned all historical information, sorting and organizing in progress <p>ACTION ITEM: Please send LK any historical items, pictures, information or references that you would like to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need 2-3 sentence bio for each Ceres committee member re: area of expertise <p>ACTION ITEM: Send LK 2-3 sentences re: your area of interest/expertise for Ceres website. Need BY FRIDAY</p>

	Tree Ordinance	<p>Review Tree Ordinance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolyn and Lyle will create a flow chart / decision tree to go on website <p>ACTION ITEM: LK to send overview to Committee members</p> <p>Donations to Ceres / Planting on the Boulevard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller properties that need to cut down a tree or trees that have an overabundance of trees and canopies Property owners that are resistant to planting more trees when they were not desired. They more than likely did NOT need to replace trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In lieu could possibly donate to the Ceres Society or plant tree on Belle Meade Boulevard Discuss % to go to other vegetation instead of tree Metro has a Tree Bank. Perhaps we can look at that as a reference to build ours. <p>ACTION ITEM: Gavin ro research other cities' tree bank resources</p>
	Committee Updates	<p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting on website mockup of Education page <p>Plantings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with what to replace hydrangeas on BMB that have been eaten by deer. Medians 31 and 36 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need deer resistant planting. Also need to consider traffic site lines (nothing too tall) LSI looking to us to recommend plantings <p>ACTION ITEM: Committee to send LK suggestions for deer-resistant plantings to replace hydrangeas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSI to meet with Caroline and Martha to discuss Spring Plantings <p>Weed Wrangle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss brigde clean up (Caroline) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ceres could organize event to clean up invasives, honeysuckles, etc. and replace with attractive pantings around the bridges (Forsythe, Warner, Manor, Jackson) <p>ACTION ITEM: Caroline and Seth to head up organization of event</p> <p>Strategy and Development Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met on 2/22. Schedule next meeting for Monday, 3/15 Looked at Cheekwood Donor Boards to possiblly have something like that at City Hall
	Other Discussion Items	<p>Belle Meade Living Garden Tour in May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour 3-4 gardens and then have one where we can gather for lunch/snacks, or an English-style tea with speaker. Will be tied to The Nare located in Truro in Cornwall England - speaker from The Nare Sponsored by RH Travel Do any ceres members want to volunteer to open their garden for a tour? Does this work against our mission to recognize beautiful gardens for donor recognition? <p>DECISION: We will graciously decline</p> <p>Commissioner Retreat Update (Jim)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belle Meade Together will require major input from Ceres <p>Tree City Application Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting on metrics to submit final application <p>Community Celebration (Lisa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates as of this time
Decisions	We will graciously decline to sponsor Belle MeadeLiving's Garden Tour	
Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LK to send final copy of fundraising letter to Committee 2. Committee to sign letter at City Hall by Thursday 3. Please send LK any historical items, pictures, information or references that you would like to include in website archives 4. Everyone to send LK 2-3 sentences re: your area of interest/expertise for Ceres website BY FRIDAY 5. LK to send Tree Ordinance Overview to Committee members 6. Gavin ro research other cities' tree bank resources 	
Next Meeting	April 12,2021	

