

Society of Ceres Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date 5/10/2020	Location Belle Meade City Hall Conference Room
Time 5:30 - 7:00 PM	Address 4705 Harding Road

Invitees

Committee Members			City Representation
Carolyn Sorenson	Laura Katherine Wood	Michael Dixon	Jim Hunt
Carter Dawson	Lisa Ellis	Peter Grimaldi	Lyle Patterson
Gavin Duke	Martha Phipps		Beth Reardon

Agenda

Topic	Discussion Items	Notes
Admin	Action Items from previous meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any committee member who has not given please do so In Progress 2. LK to send website mock ups by 4/30 In Progress 3. LK to send flow chart / decision tree for Tree Ordinance to committee for review COMPLETE 4. Gavin and Martha to meet and decide what to plant on Medians 31 and 36 on Belle Meade Boulevard In Progress 5. LK to follow up with Seth regarding bridge clean up event Needs Discussion
D i s c u s s i o n	Financials	<p>Review financial statement</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current donations \$83,945 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › over 220 unique donors › 30.44% increase from 2020 › Pre-pandemic (2018 & 2019) average was \$76,324.50 • Thank you to Committee Members who have already given <p>ACTION ITEM: Any committee member who has not given please do so</p>
	Belle Meade Together Update	<p>Kickoff Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 25 to May 5 - Traffic Calming Demonstrations • May 6 - Virtual Town Hall • May 8 -Walk the Boulevard Part 1 • May 13 - Tables set up at St.George's Farmer's Market • May 13 -Listening Session at Belle Meade Plantation • May 15 -Walk the Boulevard Part 2 <p>ACTION ITEM: Committee members who are able please attend events</p>
	Ceres Long Term Plan	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LK still sorting and organizing all historical information <p>ACTION ITEM: LK to send mock ups by 5/20</p>
	Tree Ordinance	<p>Tree Ordinance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like to follow a few cases through the process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Will start with the lot on South Bellevue. Carolyn emailed Lyle for update <p>Tree Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will need to be a dedicated fund or separate account • Will look at other cities and how they operate their Tree Banks <p>TAEP Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will need to have finalized plan in place before applying • Goal is to apply in 2021

<p>t e m s</p>	<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seth Stewart is stepping down <p>ACTION ITEM: If anyone has interested friends/colleagues, please email names to LK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need a commissioner on our board per City bylaws. Beth to discuss with Mayor Hunt <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting on website mockup of Education page New committee members will be on this committee <p>Plantings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plantings will go in by end of month Deer-resistant plantings for Medians 31 and 36 - No update <p>ACTION ITEM: LK to follow up with Gavin & Carter on which recommended plantings are deer-resistant</p> <p>Weed Wrangle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caroline and Seth were organizing brigde clean up event Will put on hold until have committee membership is back at capacity
	<p>Other Discussion Items</p>	<p>Tree City Application Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting on metrics to submit final application <p>ACTION ITEM: LK to reach out to Leigh for information</p> <p>LOS Blockage at 527 Belle Meade Boulevard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>I would like the request highlighted below from Mr. Whitmore to be addressed at the May Beautification Committee meeting. The Public Works Director and I went and look at the median in front of 527 Belle Meade Blvd. and agree that the trees do hamper visibility. However, they have been pruned from the top drastically and I don't know if they can be pruned from the bottom as the resident suggests. There won't be much left of the tree! I would like to get an opinion from the Committee as to whether we should trim, and if so, how much, or should we just remove the tree(s) altogether and wait until the Master Plan is adopted to decide on replacements.</i> Tree is already on recommended list to be removed (rather than pruned)
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Any committee member who has not donated please do so Committee members who are able please attend Belle Meade Together kickoff events LK to send website mock ups by 5/20 If anyone has friends/colleagues who may be interested in joining our Committee, please email names to LK LK to follow up with Gavin & Carter on which recommended plantings are deer-resistant LK to reach out to Leigh for information for Tree City Application</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>June 14, 2021 at City Hall</p>	