

# Society of Ceres Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Information

**Date** 1/10/2022

**Time** 5:30-6:00 PM

**Location** Belle Meade City Hall Conference Room

**Address** 4705 Harding Road

## Invitees

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

## Agenda

Topic	Discussion Items	Notes
Admin	Action Items from previous meetings	No Action Items
	Financials	<p><b>TAEP Grant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a grant due in June. Will need to use areas that can have large-canopy trees</li> </ul> <p><b>Tree City Application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now that we have a Tree Ordinance in place as well as a long-term plan, will apply for TCA status</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising letters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will go out in March</li> <li>• Oak Level donors to receive new Belle Meade book</li> </ul>
	Commissioner Meeting Update	<p><b>November and December Commissioner Meeting Recap</b></p> <p><b>Commissioner Response to Ceres Demonstration Medians:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option A – Sidewalks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Commissioners felt the existing crosswalk should be used in the demo project rather than having people cross through the end of the median, even though having a crosswalk through the end of the median is what is shown in the Master Plan</li> <li>› They liked the idea of using pavers to simulate the sidewalk</li> <li>› They also felt the sidewalk on the East Brookfield side in front of the Wiegel's property should extend all the way across the front of the property</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Option B – Traffic Diverters/Transitions only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Pedestrians continue to use the pavement along the edge of the medians as a walking path</li> <li>› Commissioners feel pedestrians using the pavement next to the medians is not safe and will not be any safer by adding transitions. They do not want to demonstrate this option because it does not improve pedestrian safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Option C - Meandering path through the median with transitions/diverters at either end of median</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› The Commissioners liked how this looked and liked the idea of making the path out of pavers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Signage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Commissioners really liked the signage</li> <li>› Haley Dale would like to recommend changes to the wording and font size</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Discussion Items	Belle Meade Together	<p><b>Belle Meade Together Demonstration Median</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have one shot to make a statement to the community and show how beautiful the Boulevard can be. Needs to have a <b>WOW FACTOR</b></li> <li>• Needs to be a demonstration of both the <b>process</b> as well as the project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Will need a CAD file - will be expensive, Public Works does not have one</li> <li>› Perhaps we can use the old Hodgson &amp; Douglas plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goal is to install in Spring</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimates from S&amp;D Committee Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimate the medians to be approximately 9.5 acres, 33 crosswalks</li> <li>• To fully landscape, estimate about \$460K ish</li> </ul> <p><b>LK meeting with Lyle Patterson, Beth Reardon, Larry Smith, Chief Williams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROW is 25' from middle of road</li> <li>• Will ask vendors to donate pavers. If not Belgrave, there is a new company that may be highly motivated because will get them exposure</li> <li>• Can ask Creekside to donate plantings</li> <li>• Public Works has little rubber mushrooms to use for the transitions</li> <li>• Have 8 signs for Lynwood that we can reuse the base. Can use corrugated plastic for demo (Fast Signs can make). Already have no passing signs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions for Commissioners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is lifespan of demonstration medians (1 month? 3 months? 6 months?)</li> <li>• What is budget for this? Are we spending City money or Ceres money? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Need to have a high end example plan and a low end plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Carolyn and Carter to ask colleagues for estimated price for surveys</p> <p><b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Peter, Gavin and LK to walk Median and discuss options for Demonstration median</p> <p><b>DECISION:</b> Will ask Gavin and Peter to design enhancements, both a high end and low end of price</p>
	Committee Updates	<p><b>Education Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will create writing schedule for 2022 in February meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Planting Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Planting meeting with LSI to happen in next few weeks</li> <li>• Need to replace hydrangeas at Tyne/BMB intersection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Recommend Hellebores</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Membership	LK reaching out to potential new members
	Other Discussion Items	No items
<b>Decisions</b>	Will ask Gavin and Peter to come up with two designs for the demonstration: high end and low end of price	
<b>Action Items</b>	Carolyn and Carter to ask colleagues for estimated price for median survey Peter, Gavin and LK to walk Median and discuss options for Demonstration median	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	February 14, 2022 at City Hall	