

Society of Ceres Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date 2/14/2022	Location Belle Meade City Hall Conference Room
Time 5:30-6:30 PM	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	1. Peter, Gavin and LK to walk Median and discuss options for Demonstration median COMPLETE 2. LK to talk to Jim re: potential candidates again IN PROGRESS
Discussion Items	Financials	TAEP Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a grant due in June. Will need to use areas that can have large-canopy trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Consider church property or Historic Site along the side of the road in ROW Tree City Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now that we have a Tree Ordinance in place as well as a long-term plan, will apply for TCA status
	Commissioner Meeting Update	Commissioners are expecting complete planting and trimming plan at February meeting ACTION ITEM: LK to clarify timeline at February Commissioner Meeting
	Belle Meade Together	Demonstration Median Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LK, Peter and Gavin walked the Median on 1/28 • Needs to be a demonstration of process as well as the plan • In order to create a true planting plan, will need an accurate survey of the medians • Peter received quote for \$3500-4000 from Crawford & Cummings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › By law, any City expense over \$3000 must have three bids › Could perhaps use Hodgson & Douglas plans but they may not be accurate › MUST HAVE a CAD file in order to create a plan › If the City proceeds with the BMT proposal regarding the medians, a survey of all medians would be necessary. We would be spending this money now rather than later ACTION ITEM: Carter and Carolyn to request quotes from additional firms
	Committee Updates	Education Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to meet to create writing schedule for 2022 Planting Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to replace hydrangeas at Tyne and BMB intersection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Currently recommend hellebores, but worried they will have too much sun › Consider dwarf hydrangeas or hollies › Need to be deer-resistant • Spring Planting meeting with LSI to happen in next few weeks Financial Committee (S&D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will meet to create budget for 2022 ACTION ITEM: Members email LK re: on which committee they wish to serve

	Membership	No update
	Weed Wrangle	<p>Weed Wrangle 2022 will be on Sunday March 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year, a Stay-At-Home Weed Wrangle is best option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Create yard signs (for 1-2 weeks) for participants › Would like to foster neighborhood involvement › Can publish educational videos about what to do, etc. › Would like to have interactive map similar to Homegrown National Park Program, where residents can sign up and indicate where they will be participating • Can do another one in the fall • Want to build momentum for future years <p>ACTION ITEM: Carter to write draft for email blast and send to Beth</p> <p>NOTE: Cheekwood and Warner Parks have Weed Wrangles set up. Would be an excellent opportunity for our members and residents to volunteer!</p>
	Other Discussion Items	No items
Action Items	LK to clarify demonstration median timeline at February Commissioner Meeting Carter and Carolyn to request quotes for survey of Medians 38 & 39 from additional firms Members email LK re: on which committee they wish to serve Carter to write draft for Weed Wrangle email blast and send to Beth	
Next Meeting	MONDAY March 17, 2022 at City Hall unless otherwise notified	