

Society of Ceres Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date 5/9/2022

Time 5:30-6:30 PM

Location Belle Meade City Hall Conference Room

Address 4705 Harding Road

Invitees

Committee Members				City Representation
Carolyn Sorenson	Gavin Duke	Jill DeBona	Martha Phipps	Louise Bryan
Carter Dawson	Jackie Bellar	Laura Katherine Wood	Michael Dixon	Beth Reardon
Chip Wilkison	Jeffrey Ezell	Lisa Ellis	Peter Grimaldi	

Agenda

Topic	Discussion Items	Notes
Admin	Action Items from previous meetings	1. Any committee member who has not given to please do so IN PROGRESS 2. Louise to set up call with Joe at CDC and Ceres COMPLETE
	Membership	WELCOME OUR TWO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS! Chip Wilkison Jeffrey Ezell
	Financials	Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising letters went out in April • Current donations \$92,220!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Over 201 unique donors › 24 Donors at \$1000 level › 3.05% increase from 2021 › LY at this time donations were \$73,945 with 219 donors › 2018 -2021 average was \$72,737.25 (since implementing giving levels) • Thank you to Committee Members who have already given ACTION ITEM: Any committee member who has not given to please do so
	Commissioner Meeting Update	Belle Meade Together Demonstration project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners appreciated Ceres splitting the Civic Design Center cost • Public safety is utmost concern with a dedicated safe walking space inside the median <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Not about exact materials, or design • If move forward with project, will hire design firm for final design • Phase 1 installed, Phase 2 being installed today • Will have table set up at St. George's Farmer's Market on 5/12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › QR code will start Thursday, will be on signage on Median ACTION ITEM: Any committee members who would like to please come to Farmer's Market ACTION ITEM: Go to QR code and enter comments after Thursday

Discussion Items	Belle Meade Together / Demonstration Median Project	<p>Demonstration Median Phase 1 Committee Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overwhelmingly positive feedback from Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage looks great, in particular the pedestrian ones and welcome to Belle Meade. Appropriate ratio of green space to sidewalk, could be 1-2 ft. wider Loved the 'mini forest' created by pruning the cedars Is it possible to see examples/images of what materials could be used for sidewalk? Can we leave BOTH phases up for a while?? Communication challenge to residents that a majority of existing trees need to be removed/replaced regardless of this plan What are responsibilities of Commissioners/Ceres to listen to & honor non-resident feedback? What des success look like? More favorable reactions than not
	Committee Updates	<p>Plantings Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSI will begin Spring plantings this week <p>Events Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deciding when to have garden tour Jackie and Martha, Jill, Martha will volunteer to tour garden Chip has golf cart to assist with parking <p>Committee Assignments for New Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeffrey - Education and Plantings Chip - Events and Plantings
	Other Discussion Items	<p>Website Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text is done, working now to add pictures and make it not look homemade <p>Thank you for Public Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Works has installed the demonstration medians in addition to their normal duties We will give them each a gift bag with goodies from St. George's Market and a \$100 AMEX gift card <p>DECISION: Spend \$450 on appreciation gifts to Public Works Department</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: LK to get gift cards, bags and items for appreciation gift and bring to Farmer's Market on Thursday</p>
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Next Meeting	Monday June 13, 2022 at City Hall unless otherwise notified	