

Green Team Meeting

June, 7th 2017

Room 303 GOB 5:30PM

Attendance: Charles, Jim, Matt, Ryan D, Ryan W, Tony

Introductions

Bee City USA Updates

- We have decided as a group that we will gladly bring the information about Bee City USA to the City Council, but only after commitment from the Zoo and the Bee-Keepers association that they will provide all the field support and ensure that measures are adopted and seen through.
 - The Green Team will not be responsible for fulfilling the Bee City USA requirements – we are solely the vessel by which this information will be brought and recommended to the City Council for adoption.
 - Send the re-drafted resolution to Mary from the Zoo first, see if she is ready to move forward and if they Zoo/ Bee Keeper group can handle. If we get anything other than a strong yes, we need to have another conversation
 - If we do not receive commitment from Zoo / Bee Keepers, we will not bring this to the City Council
- Some of the instructions in the Application are very specific. We need to update some and remove others to better suit it for the needs of the City.
 - *Example: Do we need to devote the entire 3rd week of June? / They want a city website with links to charter and by-laws.*
 - We will need to send our final application, with what will become the City's Resolution to Bee City USA for approval, prior to bringing this before the City Council.
- Once Tony has updated the application, he will send it out to the group for review
 - Once group has review and approved, the Application will go to Julia Glantz for her approval.
 - Julia will let us know if we are even able to pass the job of implementation along to others outside our Committee. Can we make this work the responsibility of the Zoo and Bee Keepers Association?
- Who will be held responsible if the Zoo and Bee Keepers don't keep up with the requirements, or fail to move forward and complete tasks?

Group Input:

Tony:

- How will we do some of the liaison stuff with the zoo?
- We use roughly 6 different chemicals when spraying for bugs.
- The park technically doesn't use any pesticides or herbicides right now.
- On the website, we can put Bee City Certified, then have a link to the resolution (maybe)

Jim:

-If the city adopts a resolution, the city is bound by it, meaning that someone COULD come back and force the city to comply.

With this in mind, we need to remove some of the application pieces in order to reduce city's liability.

- "Create an integrated pesticide management plan"

- Lets bring it to City Council and say, we believe this is good, we believe we should do this, lets strike from it what we don't want to bind the city to.

- Can we recommend that the city create a sub-committee that brings in people from the Zoo, the Bee Keeper association, etc. to (Tony and Matt don't agree - feel we're branching out too much/ diversifying too much)

- Martin Hutchinson from the Community Gardens is always looking for pollinators - there are people within that who could push for this and continue working on it

Matt:

- We can say that we ALREADY aren't using pesticides. Open to the

- We want to be the system for change, we are not the group to oversee these resolutions and committees we help to create. We will bring issues to the council, and help people reach their goals.

- Could we lease areas out to businesses to have them maintain the plants the bees like? This would allow the business to put up their information, and it could also be a potential source of income related to this program.

- How long has the local bee-keeper association been around?

- Matt mentioned the week long event in June. Could we have one day of celebration, but a week of recognition and information/ outreach?

Charles: Who will be held responsible if the Zoo doesn't step up and keep up their end of the bargain?