

Parks & Public Landscaping Bee City Subcommittee

Agenda

Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Louisville Public Library
951 Spruce Street
5:30 PM

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda and Items on the Consent Agenda

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker. When several people wish to speak on the same position on a given item, a spokesperson may be used to state that position.

4. Board Consent Agenda

The following items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine, and shall be approved, adopted, accepted, etc. by a motion of the Board unless a board member specifically requests an item be considered under "Regular Business". In such an event, the item shall be removed from the "Consent Agenda" and action taken separately on said item in the order appearing on the agenda. Those items so approved under the heading "Consent Agenda" will appear in the Board Minutes in their proper order.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2026.

5. Board Informational Comments

A. Update Item — Wrap up of Pollinator Art Contest

B. Update Item — Wrap up of Pollinator Garden Tour

6. Staff Report

- A. Update Item — Status of Bee City Supplemental Budget Proposal to City Council
- B. Update Item — Bee City Committee Status within PPLAB and OSAB and Membership Criteria

7. Regular Business

- A. Discussion Item — Board Member Recruiting Actions
- B. Discussion Item — Education Programs for the Rest of the Year
- C. Discussion Item — Pollinator Stickers this Year?
- D. Discussion Item — Participation in Labor Day Parade
- E. Discussion Item for Next Meeting — Review of Plan Accomplishment

8. Adjourn

Resident Information

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Parks & Public Landscaping Advisory Board Bee City Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

**June 3
Library Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street
5:00pm**

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- I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Chair John Webb, 5:35pm

- II. Roll Call
Members attending:
John Webb, Chair
Susan McEchern, cochair

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Amy Yarger (remote)
Helen Moshak (remote)
Josh Cooperman (remote)

Absent:
Jody Ash

Louisville City Staff:
Chris Davis
Diana Langley, City Manager
Adam Blackmore, Director Parks and Open Space

Community members:
None

- III. Approval of Agenda
Agenda Approved unanimously
- IV. Approval of Minutes
Agenda Approved unanimously
- V. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
None
- VI. Pollinator Garden Tour
Helen submitted a Poster for the Garden tour to be added to the Louisville Events calendar if possible
- VII. Pollinator Art Contest Wrap
Helen submitted sample print of the Art Contest Award Certificate requesting Chris Davis and John Webb to sign when Parks is able to complete printing. Award ceremony at the Library to happen June

20, following a week of the display of artwork by contest winners. John and Susan will meet with Library and Community outreach staff to set up display panels and post the artwork on Monday the 15th, starting at 12:30 pm. Library staff agreed to help distribute Sweet Cow Gift Cards for those contest winners that were unable to collect their artwork, certificates and gift cards at the official opening of the display, Saturday June 20th.

John will pick up gift cards at Sweet Cow. Estimated cost for 39 cards is \$200.00. Reimbursement for gift cards and Art Contest expenses by submitting receipt to City when Bee City Supplemental Budget request is approved.

Committee discussion about moving the Art Contest to the Fall next year due to the excessive amount of work to produce the Art Contest in the same time as we are trying to set up the Pollinator Garden tour, both of which have taken up a huge amount of time from our committee members. Alternatively, we could move the Garden Tour two weeks farther into late June or early July, but the weather gets to be too hot for a garden tour. Garden hosts are expressing preference for the earlier June time due to the extreme heat this year and better garden displays at that time. Helen noted that June is Pollinator month, so a garden tour would be more topical in June, following upon the Earth Day Every Day event in May. Additional volunteers would lighten the load, so perhaps we need to continue with our recruiting efforts. Let's continue this discussion.

At the Meeting with Council last week, they suggested that membership be drawn from both PPLAB and OSAB as potential sources for additional members. John noted in that meeting that we draw on expertise from several community sources, who are not formal members of the city advisory board structure meeting and it would be very useful to have the ability to include additional people with special expertise. Council referred that decision to Staff. Council as also unsure about the best structure for Bee City Committee, since it contains members from at least two different advisory boards, members from the community and a sitting Council member. That decision was also referred to Staff.

- VIII. Request that Bee City and PPLAB take July off, to coincide with City Council planning retreat.

After brief discussion among committee members, committee moved and voted upon cancelling the July meeting. Unanimously approved.

IX. Wrap for PPLA/Bee City meeting with City Council

City Manager Langley and John provided a review of the PPLAB meeting with City Council. In addition to what we discussed earlier in this meeting, Council noted that Bee City has taken on many tasks beyond the minimum required by the Bee City Resolution. Council noted that the budget for Parks was still in flux, and continued discussion with the Finance Committee and at Council meetings. Council referred us to the May 18 Finance committee meeting this year.

Council asked what PPLAB and Bee City have for priorities for Council to consider. John Suggested that the flower beds at Community Park are neglected and could become a huge asset for the community if some attention was focused there. In addition, John suggested that the Arboretum could be used to create demonstration areas for climate-appropriate landscaping and a showcase for native plants.

John mentioned in tonight's Bee City meeting that another issue of concern is the continued fight against the damage caused by the ash borer and the poor condition of trees in the medians of Via Appia near South Boulder Road and along South Boulder Road within the city. Chris noted that additional median replacement is scheduled for next year. This would focus on the last of the McCaslin corridor before moving to South Boulder Road and other areas.

Mayor Chris Leh noted that PPLAB has traditionally been focused on park infrastructure and turf, but no one has focused on the fauna of our community before Bee City began its work.

Council continued with discussion of Parks budget constraints and the possibility of fostering community volunteers to help make up short fall in budget and manpower for park maintenance. Council suggested that a Volunteer coordinator would be very useful to make this happen, possibly in the coming year if the budget allows.

X. Memory Square Community Meet Wrap

John summarized the Memory Square Meet and Greet the Community tabling event that Bee City participated in. It was not well attended, with maybe 50 or 60 people attending, but the

discussion led by a local E-bike vendor and a member of the Louisville Police Department around E-bikes was very spirited and showed significant community concern. Bee City members John and Helen spoke with attendees about the importance of native plants and reduction of pesticides for conserving native pollinators and other beneficial insects.

XI. Recap of Bee City/Xerces Webinar for Sourcing Pollinator-Safe Plants

John recapped his learnings from the Xerces webinar focusing on how communities can support purchasing pesticide-free plants for landscaping.

XII. Staff Updates

Jill and the "Hort" team have been working tirelessly to manage the weeds that are appearing in parks and flower beds and plantings along main street downtown. They have really done a fantastic job in these areas.

XIII. Board Updates

We will be setting up the Pollinator Art Display shortly with 70 entries and sending out email and social media blasts for the Garden tour. Tour tickets are just over \$15 through Eventbrite.

XIV. Discussion items for Next Meeting

Continue with updates on activities

XV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn passed, meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.