

Urban Ecology Work Group Minutes

Meeting Date: 7/28/2022	Start: 4:05
Time: 4-5pm	Attending: Chris Flaherty, Dan Brosier, David Jurina
Location: The Centre; west conference room	Adjourn: 5:11
1) Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/26/2022 	D. Jurina moved to approve, Dan seconded: minutes were approved without with amendment.
2) Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for the Farmer’s market Native Roots Plant Give away and Urban Ecology Workgroup sponsorship. • Pesticide Reduction: Herbicide and pesticide free parks • Monarch milkweed corridors • Parkway Sidewalk re[placement project are damaging tree roots 	<p>David will setup the table and man form the 3-5. Dan volunteered to man the table from 3-7. Chris will try to arrive at 4 and man the table from 5-7 and break down the table and return to the city. Jeff can’t attend due to family commitments</p> <p>Progress is being made with pesticide free parks and areas. Next would be talking to Greg Hulke about no-mow areas as demonstrative projects. Legislation is being debated at the state level but isn’t expected to be acted on (farmer are against any type of herbicide bans). Regulation is needed to fight drift. A total herbicide ban appears to be improbable; alternative would be to find incentives for farmer to adopt herbicide and pesticide free farming.</p> <p>Will discuss milkweed corridors and sidewalk project damage at next meeting</p>
3) Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next agenda to include: • Workgroup members 	<p>urban ecology project ideas to rank and come to a consensus for one project to work on this year</p> <p>Need to work on inviting more members to potentially handle more projects</p>
Next Meeting: 8/25/2022	