



MINUTES

What: BiodiverCity Advisory Committee
When: 14 June 2017
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Where: Heritage Boardroom, 6th floor
Calgary Public Building
205 - 8th Ave SE

Regrets: Sam, Geoff, Ethan, Jason, Nagwan

Chair: Laura Nixon

Minutes: John McFaul

Meeting Start: 5:05 pm

Item 1: Welcome

- April and May minutes approved
- Steven to circulate link to video of the BAC presentation to the May 3rd, 2017 meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee.
- Aichi Tool (see item 3)
- Wildlife Report (see item 4)
- Sam's summary of biodiversity survey results postpone to July 12th meeting
- *Action: Laura letter for Peter vT*

Item 2: BAC Membership Renewal

- Renewal offer letters received by those up for renewal
- Laura regrets that she will not be able to stand for upcoming term
- All others present up for renewal indicated their intent to re-apply
- Applications for new members open until June 30
<http://www.calgary.ca/CA/city-clerks/Pages/Legislative-services/Boards-commissions-and-committees-of-council/Recruiting-BCC.aspx>

Item 3: Aichi Tool Review

- Steven circulated Aichi tool for BAC to apply to the Weaselhead Natural Area
 - Geoff, Katie, John expressed various concerns regarding usefulness of tool
- Chris applied tool to Griffith Woods Natural Area
- Chris will meet with the province to discuss usefulness of tool in an urban setting
- Revised tool will come back to BAC for further input

Item 4: Urban Wildlife Report review

- Meaghan felt that the recommendations were well written
- Will be reviewed by administration.
- Final draft will be provided to BAC for its consideration

**Item 5: Pesticide Toxicity Report Update**

- Went to Community and Protective Services Committee on June 7th
- <http://agendaminutes.calgary.ca/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=2319&doctype=MINUTES>
- Will go to full council on June 26th
- Aligned with provincial and federal regulations
- Minimize risks
- Identify high risk pesticides, not to use.
- Reduce use as much as possible
- Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) to take report into account
- IPM will be come back to BAC in fourth quarter

Item 6: Plans for next meetings / Other business

- Weaselhead BioBlitz 150 event will take place on Saturday, June 24th.
 - Register: http://bioblitzcanada.ca/events_community-weaselhead.aspx
- Tanya Hope and Vanessa Carney to speak on Citizen Science at July 12th meeting
- Recognition Letters to Alberta Council of Environmental Educators (Christina Pickles), Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society (Rebecca Schwab and Sarah Neville), Nature Calgary, Vanessa Carney (City of Calgary Parks) for Weaselhead BioBlitz 150 organization.
- Walk21 Conference. Polly and Meaghan to present “Visual Explorations of Calgary as Place”
 - <https://www.ucalgary.ca/walk21calgary/program/thursday-september-21>
 - Steve will follow up on proposed BAC guided walk arrangements
- Budget needed for BAC activities (including potential Walk21 Conference fees)
- BAC field trip to Bearspaw Natural Area in fall. Date to be determined.

Adjourn: 6:25 PM

IMPORTANT Next meeting: July 12th, 5:00 to 7:00

- **Location: Water Centre - 25 Ave and Spiller Road SE**
- **Food: Pot Luck!**