



MINUTES

What: BiodiverCity Advisory Committee

When: 08 March 2017
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Heritage Boardroom, 6th floor
Calgary Public Building
205 - 8th Ave SE

Contact: Steven Snell
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Regrets: Chris Manderson
Ethan Askey
Nagwan Al-Guineid

Special Guests: Tanya Hope, Parks
David Misfeldt, Roads

Start: 5:05

Chair: Laura Nixon

Minutes: Natasha Kuzmak

Item 1: Welcome and carry over agenda items

- Review of February minutes, approved
- Review action items:
 - CoC survey update: Natasha shared that survey results have been collected. 476 staff members responded to the survey.
 - **ACTION:** Sam has offered to analyse survey results by the April BAC meeting
 - **ACTION:** Natasha to share survey results with the committee
 - Angie's overview of LAB cities' biodiversity action plans
 - **ACTION:** Steven to send more information
 - Infographic check in
 - **ACTION:** Laura to work with Meaghan to update graphic for Council report
 - Nagwan skills matrix input: Nagwan submitted to the committee. It will be included in the Council report
 - Watershed+ Peter von Tiesenhausen for May BAC meeting: Peter will present to BAC in May
 - **ACTION:** Natasha to book Peter for 40 minute presentation
 - BAC awards (added to the agenda): Polly has confirmed the award categories
 - **ACTION:** Steven, confirm that funds are available for the awards

**Item 2: Wildlife Report – Overview Presentation, Tanya Hope**

- Tanya Hope provided an overview of the Wildlife Status Report project
 - **ACTION:** Tanya to send a draft of the report to the BAC for review in either April or May

Item 3: Pollinator Pathways – Presentation, David Misfeldt

- David Misfeldt presented an overview of his work, Save the Bees Project: Building Habitats for Native Bees, which will occur alongside some existing roadways. Construction started in the fall of 2016

Item 4: Walk21 Walkshops

- Planning and Development has asked for submission for “walkshops”
- John might explore walkshop ideas
- Meaghan shared an update on the BAC abstract submission to present at Walk 21. Applicants will hear if they have been accepted into the conference by March 31.
 - **ACTION:** Meaghan to share the submitted abstract to BAC

Item 5: BAC 2017 draft work plan

- The draft work plan was reviewed and updated
- The draft council report has been completed includes BAC presentations received, actions, projects that the committee has provided recommendations on.
- The report goes to Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services on May 3
 - **ACTION:** Steven to share the draft report. **Comments are due March 30 to Steven**

Item 6: Plans for next meetings

- Future agendas: Suggested speakers include: Jenna Cross (Parks) on native seed mixes, Jon Slaney (Water Resources) on river morphology and fish habitat, Urban Forestry program update
 - Future speaker planning will take place at next month's meeting
- Community recognition letters:
 - **ACTION:** Meaghan to take the water beetle off of the recognition letter template
- YYC Lego Wildlife Overpass: Steven shared a project that Parks is involved in along with the Miistakis Institute and other organizations. The group is applying to take part in Beakerhead with a lego wildlife overpass project.
 - **ACTION:** BAC to provide comments to Steven to pass on to the Miistakis Institute. No deadline provided

Adjourn: 7:05

Next meeting: April 12th, 5:00 to 7:00



Item	Who	Duration	Action
1 Welcome and carry over agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve previous minutes • Steve: Lego bridge info item • Review action items: • Update from Natasha/Ethan/Jason on CoC survey • Angie's overview of other LAB cities' Biodiversity Action Plans will be circulated for informal review • Infographic check in • Nagwan skills matrix input • Watershed+ Peter von Tiesenhausen for May BAC meeting? 	All	20 mins To 5:20	(Decision on minutes; Discussion)
2 Wildlife Report – Overview Presentation	Tanya	30 mins To 5:50	(Information)
3 Pollinator Pathways - Presentation	Guest	30 mins To 6:20	(Discussion)
4 Walk21 Walkshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for description of the proposed walk shop including theme/content, location, time required – and how it ties into the Walk21 theme • To Planning & Development Dept. ASAP 	Steven	10 mins To 6:30	(Decision)
5 BAC 2017 draft work plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick review: IPM timing, etc. • Citizen science discussed for March but moved to June 	Steven, Laura	10 mins To 6:40	(Next steps)
6 Plans for next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda discussion/next speakers (linked to work plan discussion) • Standing check for community recognition letter nominations • Other 	All	20 mins To 7:00	(Next steps)