

City Council Action Item Cover Sheet

DATE: December 12, 2018

Agenda Item:

Bee City USA

Question Before Council:

Does the Council wish for the City Manager to proceed with a Bee City Application?

Person/Group Initiating Request:

Mayor Gerald Stanley

Item Summary/Background:

Mayor Stanley requested that the City Manager look into Bee City USA Status. With assistance from the organizers of the Honey Lovers Festival the following information is provided:

What is a Bee City, Benefits to your Community, FAQ's, a template resolution, and minutes from Newport Parks and Rec Committee regarding their Bee City status.

There is a nominal annual fee and committee requirement. Upon review, the City Manager recommends that Council direct the City Manager on whether to proceed with a Bee City Application.

WHAT IS A BEE CITY

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Together, we can make a difference

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By working together, our goal is to make a difference in reversing the threat currently facing pollinators around the world.

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Bee City USA fosters ongoing dialogue in urban areas to raise awareness of the role pollinators play in our communities and what each of us can do to provide them with healthy habitat.

The Bee City USA program endorses a set of commitments, defined in a resolution, for creating **sustainable habitats for pollinators** (<http://www.beecityusa.org/uploads/1/2/8/9/12899788/pollinatorbookletfinalrevprint.pdf>), which are vital to feeding the planet.

Incorporated cities, towns, counties and communities across America are invited to make these commitments and become certified as a Bee City USA affiliate.



1 in 3
bites of food we eat is courtesy of insect pollination



90%
of the world's wild plants depend on pollinators to reproduce

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Bee City USA aims to protect pollinators by enabling affiliates to:

Raise awareness

Enhance habitats

Celebrate achievements

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A cohesive team,
working hand in hand.

Affiliates of Bee City USA are led by a broad-based committee - a team of private & public leaders. Once the application is submitted & the resolution adopted by your highest governing body, your team should be comprised of:



Grassroots Leaders



City Staff



Experts

? Frequently Asked Questions

IS THERE A MODEL BEEKEEPING ORDINANCE?



WHAT ABOUT THE DANGER OF STINGS?



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We encourage community leaders across the nation to join the Bee City USA movement

Just as plants and pollinators have collaborated for millions of years to make the planet bloom and fruit, communities have the opportunity to join forces to sustain pollinators and the planet through more conscientious landscape management.

BENEFITS TO YOUR CITY (</benefits-to-your-community.html>)

APPLY NOW (</application-city.html>)



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BENEFITS TO YOUR COMMUNITY

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Make a difference in your community

By becoming a Bee City USA affiliate, local leaders can improve their community's environment, eating habits, and even economy.

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Benefits of affiliation

Affiliates are not reinventing the wheel! They are active participants in a national movement committed to pollinator conservation supported by **conference calls and webinars** to promote sharing and collaboration among affiliates.

Becoming an affiliate **institutionalizes the local government and community's commitment** to pollinator conservation and provides support for widespread collaboration to establish and maintain healthy pollinator habitat on public and private land.

Being a Bee City USA affiliate also **provides accountability** for achieving pollinator conservation results each year, to be shared with one another and the public through **annual reporting**.

Bee City USA **disseminates information** regarding funding opportunities, pollinator research and habitat enhancement through email, e-newsletters, the website and the Facebook page.

Bee City USA shares **resources for program promotion** – press release templates, brochure templates, T-shirt designs, bee decals, pollinator garden signs, etc.

Have a question or a problem? Bee City USA staff do their best to address **affiliate requests** in a prompt and helpful manner.

Benefits to your community

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Ensure survival of vital animal species

Help to ensure the survival of vital animal species crucial to our planet's complex food web.



Improve local food production

Raise community awareness of how our food grows and improve local food production through expanded pollination.



Stimulate local plant nursery market

Improve local plant nursery markets by increasing demand for native, pollinator friendly plants.



Engage community in removing invasives

Mobilize community to remove non-native invasive plants to make way for locally native plants.



Address pest problems less toxically

Raise community awareness of the least toxic ways to deal with home and garden pest problems.



Heighten awareness of seasonal changes

Raise community awareness of the local environment's seasonality as understanding grows about pollinators' reliance on blooming plants and trees.



Increase small business opportunities

Support growth of niche business - pollinator friendly landscaping, beekeeping suppliers, chemical-free lawn care, native seed suppliers.

More than 150 food crops in the United States depend on pollinators, including blueberries, apples, squash, strawberries and almonds.

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Bee City USA needs passionate local leaders

To become certified, local city or county governments must complete an application and adopt a resolution which outlines the commitments each Bee City USA affiliate must make.

By becoming a full-fledged affiliate of Bee City USA, your city or county can:

provide credibility for local grassroots
pollinator conservation efforts

**institutionalize the community's
commitment** beyond any one elected
official's or staff member's term of service,
and

open doors to widespread collaboration
for establishing and maintaining healthy
pollinator habitat within the community's
boundaries.

START APPLICATION (</application-city.html>)



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BEE CITY USA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS--What are the eligibility requirements of Bee City USA?

Generally, Bee City USA applicants must be either an incorporated municipality, a county, or a county and all of that county's municipalities. (Louisiana refers to counties as "parishes" and Alaska refers to counties as "boroughs.") When merited, we make exceptions for communities that function much like municipalities, such as a military base. We will also consider combination of counties with a portion of the municipalities in that county.

COMMITMENTS AND COMMITTEE ROLE--What are the commitments a Bee City USA affiliate must make?

NOTE: APPLICANTS NEED NOT HAVE FULFILLED THE FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS TO APPLY. BY APPLYING, AN APPLICANT IS MAKING THESE COMMITMENTS FOR THE FUTURE. BEE CITY USA GENERALLY EXPECTS EACH AFFILIATE TO SHOW THROUGH ITS ANNUAL REPORTING THAT IT IS MEETING EACH COMMITMENT WITHIN 2 YEARS FROM CERTIFICATION, AND TO CONTINUE UPDATING OR MEETING EACH COMMITMENT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

1. Determine which new or existing committee or subcommittee managed by the applicant (i.e. applying City and/or County) or a nonprofit organization, will facilitate the responsibilities of meeting the commitments.
2. This Committee should:
 - a. Celebration: Celebrate National Pollinator Week (third full week of June) or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, proclamations or promotions each year that showcase the local government's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.
 - b. Publicity & Information: Install and maintain at least one authorized Bee City USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the local government's website which includes, at minimum, a copy of the adopted Bee City USA resolution, links to the national Bee City USA website, contact information for the local government's Liaison and your Bee City USA Committee, reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s), and your recommended native plant species list (explained below) and integrated pest management plan (explained below) .
 - c. Habitat: Develop and implement a program to create and/or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private lands, which includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Identification and inventory of the local government's real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
 - ii. Creation of a recommended locally native species list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species.
 - iii. Track (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.

d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an integrated pest management plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.

e. **Policy:** Establish, through the local government, a policy in the local government's Comprehensive Plan to acknowledge and commit to the Bee City USA designation.

f. **Plan Review:** Review the local government's Comprehensive Plan and other relevant documents consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.

g. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a Bee City USA affiliate, apply for renewal of the your Bee City USA certification each February, following the format provided by Bee City USA. You'll need to provide a report of the previous year's Bee City USA activities and pay the renewal fee based on your population.

APPLICATION PROCESS--What is the application process?

1. (Applicant) Complete and submit a draft Application form and the draft Resolution. Email the draft Resolution to beecityapplications@xerces.org with "Draft Resolution" in the subject line.
2. (BEE CITY USA) We will notify you of any further needs or adjustments. After reviewing both your draft Application and draft Resolution, we will notify you of whether the application has been approved to advance to adoption or if any changes are necessary before advancing.
3. (Applicant) Make any revisions to the draft Application and Resolution as requested by Bee City USA. Once your highest elected body adopts the Resolution, send a signed electronic copy to beecityapplications@xerces.org with "RESOLUTION" in the subject line. If any changes were made between your approved draft Resolution and the final adopted version, please alert Bee City USA at beecityapplications@xerces.org.
4. (Applicant) Submit your final Application by completing the signature section, checking the Final Application box, and clicking the "submit" button and then pay the application fee.
4. (BEE CITY USA) If the final Application and final Resolution are satisfactory and we have received your application fee, we will formalize your status as a certified Affiliate by email, add your community to the list of certified Bee City USA affiliates on our website, and provide you with a certificate, artwork for street signs, a press release template and annual renewal instructions. Affiliates are referred to as "Bee City USA - [your community name here]".
5. (Applicant) Keep BEE CITY USA apprised of your news, questions or needs. To maintain your status, each February 28 after you have been a Bee City USA Affiliate for a full calendar year, you will need to complete the Bee City USA annual certification renewal application forms (Part A, B and C), which include reports of activities from the previous year, and pay the annual

renewal fee. NOTE THAT ALL PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEOS SUBMITTED TO THE XERCES SOCIETY IN CONJUNCTION WITH FILING THE ANNUAL REPORT OR OTHERWISE MAY BE USED FOR PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

APPLICATION DEADLINE--What is deadline for Bee City USA certification applications?
Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. We generally certify new applicants no more than five working days after the Application is finalized, we have received a scanned copy of the adopted Resolution by email, and the application fee is paid. Contact beecityapplications@xerces.org with questions or concerns.

INFO CHECKLIST--What information do I need to complete the application form?

1. The name of the sponsoring city or county department
2. The name and contact information for the person acting as the Liaison from the sponsoring city or county department
3. The name and contact information for the Media Contact for the applicant city or county
4. The names and e-mail addresses for the chair of the Bee City USA Committee and all of its members
5. Information about the entity (city, county, or non-profit) sponsoring the committee, the date the committee first met and the meeting frequency
6. The population of your city or county
7. The projected date the applicant city or county will vote on the Resolution
8. The title, name and email address of the highest elected official in the applicant city or county and email addresses for all members of the elected body who will adopt the resolution

APPLICATION FEE DEADLINE--When is the initial application fee due?

The initial application fee is due at the time the Resolution is adopted; certification is contingent upon payment of the fee.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RENEWAL--What is the deadline for Bee City USA affiliates renewal applications?

After an applicant has been certified for a full calendar year, they are required to annually renew by February 28.

RENEWAL FEE DEADLINE--When is the renewal fee due?

The renewal fee is due by each February 28, after the affiliate has been certified for a full calendar year. The renewal fee should be paid in conjunction with submitting the annual renewal application and report.

APPLICATION/RENEWAL FEE AMOUNT & PAYMENT--How much is the application fee? Is the renewal fee the same amount?

Certified Bee City USA affiliates pay an initial application fee and an annual renewal fee scaled to their population size. As the population in your city changes, the renewal fee may also change. The annual fee helps Bee City USA engage communities across the nation in enhancing pollinator habitat and raising awareness of the vital role pollinators play in sustaining people and the planet.

FEE BASED ON POPULATION:

<4,999 (\$100)
5,000 - 9,999 (\$150)
10,000 - 24,999 (\$200)
25,000 - 49,999 (\$300)
50,000 - 99,999 (\$400)
100,000 - 249,999 (\$500)
250,000 - 499,999 (\$750)
500,000 - 999,999 (\$1,000)
>1,000,000 (\$1,500)

FEE PAYMENT METHOD--How should we pay the fee?

Once Bee City USA notifies you that your application is final, the fee can be paid online using a credit card via our secure Paypal site (no Paypal log-on required) or by check sent to The Xerces Society.

Payment by credit card: Please make payment via our secure payments page:

<https://xerces.org/bee-city-usa-payments/>.

Please choose the Bee City USA payment button, identify the correct population size in the drop down menu and associated fee, and enter the name of the applicant city or county in the text box.

Payment by check: Checks should be made payable to The Xerces Society and mailed to Attn: Bee City USA Applications, 628 NE Broadway, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97232. To facilitate processing, please include a printed copy of the first page of this application form with your check.

HOW FEES ARE USED--How are the application/renewal fees used? Do they strictly support the Bee City/Campus USA program, or the efforts of the Xerces Society as a whole?

The application fees by themselves do not provide sufficient funding for the Bee City USA program. As a result, the fees are pooled together with other funding, such as grants, to support the work of the Xerces Society, including the Bee City USA program.

COMMITTEE ROLE--What does serving as the Bee City USA committee "the facilitating body" entail? What are the responsibilities and over what approximate timeline?

This new or existing standing committee, managed by either the certified affiliate (i.e. City and/or County) or a non-profit organization, as outlined in the Bee City USA Resolution, should have a regular meeting schedule that is open to the public. The committee is responsible for facilitating broad-based community involvement in your quest to fulfill the commitments listed in the Resolution. This structure provides a forum for the community to get involved in establishing or restoring habitat that provides food, nesting sites, and overwintering sites for pollinators. Ideally, in addition to representatives of city/county departments and members of garden clubs and service groups, committees should include experts in volunteer engagement, native plants, invasive exotic plant removal, pollinators (wild bees, honey bees, butterflies, monarch butterflies, etc.), and integrated pest management. Ideally, the committee should have a chair, vice chair, and secretary to take minutes and other officers as needed. We highly recommend that one officer be the effort's documentarian to keep records for and prepare renewal reports.

COMMITTEE'S SPONSORSHIP--Does the committee have to be an official city-sponsored committee?

Bee City USA certification requires having a (new or existing) standing committee of some kind sanctioned by the applicant government. It may be managed by either the City and/or County or a non-profit organization as outlined in the Bee City USA Resolution.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP--Who should be on the Bee City USA committee?

The committee should invite broad-based community involvement in your quest to make your community as pollinator-friendly as possible. Every committee will be different, but ideally, in addition to representatives of city and/or county departments and members of garden clubs and service groups, committees should include experts in volunteer engagement, native plants, invasive exotic plant removal, pollinators (wild bees, honey bees, butterflies, monarch butterflies, etc.), and integrated pest management, etc. Ideally, the committee should have a chair, vice chair, and secretary to take minutes and other officers as needed. The affiliate's Liaison to the sponsoring city or county department may or may not be a member of the committee.

SIGNIFICANCE OF RESOLUTION--What does the resolution say and why is it necessary?

The Bee City USA Resolution template outlines all of the commitments required of affiliates. Each Bee City USA applicant must email their draft Resolution with exact language to be voted on by their community's highest elected body to beecityapplications@xerces.org for approval to proceed PRIOR TO THE VOTE. The subject line should read "Draft Resolution". Once the city or county's highest elected body votes to adopt the resolution, the city staff and community are bound by the terms of the Resolution. Bee City USA generally provides a response within five business days to either approve the draft Resolution or request revisions.

IPM DEFINITION--What is Integrated Pest Management?

Here is the definition we use: Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of the problem rather than only attacking the symptoms

(the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective.

IPM PLANS--Do you have sample Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans?

We provide examples of IPM plans upon request.

DEADLINE FOR IPM PLAN--Must the Integrated Pest Management Plan be completed prior to applying?

No. We consider developing an IPM plan during the first year of certification to be a good way for the Bee City USA committee and city staff to become more conversant with integrated pest management. We consider it a living document that may be changed as needed in years to come.

NATIVE SPECIES LIST--Must the Recommended Native Species List be completed prior to applying?

No. We consider developing a Recommended Native Plant List and a list of regional suppliers for those plants during the first year of certification to be a good way for the Bee City USA committee and city staff to become more conversant with native plants suitable for their landscapes. Ideally, the list will be updated every few years. You can easily develop your recommended species list by following [the steps on our website](#).

LOCAL NATIVE SUPPLIER LIST--Why does Bee City USA encourage the development and sharing of a local native plant supplier list?

Non-native ("exotic") plants dominate ornamental landscapes, largely because they tend to have fewer bugs. With good reason. Our native insects don't generally recognize them as places to nest, especially moths and butterflies. Even about one-third of our native bee species specialize on the pollen of certain plant families for feeding their young. Additionally, the horticulture industry has become very adept at "improving on" the species that were in America before it was first colonized in the 1600s to make their flowers larger, brighter, more suitable for cutting, etc. However, sometimes their pollen or nectar is lost altogether or its quality diminished in that process. Our native pollinators co-evolved with plants over millions of years, and now the plants and pollinators are mutually dependent for each other's survival. While some exotic or hybridized species supply perfectly good nectar so far as we know, our pollinators are literally starving for the plants they developed physical and chemical relations with over eons. The monarch butterfly's relationship with milkweed is a perfect example. A monarch only lays her eggs on milkweed plants because they supply her growing caterpillars with the only baby food they will eat. They also supply her offspring with protective toxins that discourage would-be predators from eating them either as caterpillars or adult butterflies. Plant wholesalers and retailers tend to grow mostly exotics, hybrids and named cultivars that may or may not provide the food and nesting sources our native pollinators must have to thrive. Furthermore, most of those plants are treated with pesticides, many of which harm pollinators. By promoting and supporting your local eco-regional plant suppliers, you are ensuring future supplies of locally

native plants, well adapted to local conditions. The bonus is you're supporting local small businesses and reducing your carbon footprint by not buying plants transported from hundreds of miles away.

BEEKEEPING ORDINANCE--Must our City have a beekeeping ordinance to become a Bee City USA affiliate?

No. Our mission is to enhance habitat for ALL pollinators, but our programs are called "Bee" Campus USA and "Bee" City USA. This is in recognition that the world's 20,000+ species of the entire bee genera are our planet's pollinator workhorses; they actively seek pollen (their only source of protein) unlike almost all other pollinators that move pollen from flower to flower while seeking nectar. We neither encourage nor discourage hosting beehives. We think each affiliate must consider the liability issues of hosting beehives due to the fact that a small percentage of our population is allergic to honey bees.

While honey bees (first brought to America from Europe in 1622) are not picky eaters, many native pollinators are. Butterflies and moths are especially particular about host plants for their eggs and larvae. Therefore, we stress integrating as many locally native plants into your landscape as possible because our focus is enhancing and expanding healthy habitat for ALL pollinators. You can easily develop your recommended species list by following [the steps on our website](#).

The mutual dependence between native pollinators and the native plants with which they co-evolved over millions of years is not widely understood. One of Bee City USA's science advisors, Dr. Douglas Tallamy, has arguably done more to explain this vital ecological relationship to the masses than anyone else. You may enjoy watching our [last webinar with Dr. Doug Tallamy](#) (at the bottom of the webpage). You may read his book, **Bringing Nature Home**, or visit his [website](#) to learn more.

COUNTY ELIGIBILITY--May counties apply to become Bee City USA affiliates?

Yes. A county may apply independently of municipalities in the county, or in concert with some or all municipalities in the county.

BENEFITS--What are the benefits of being a certified Bee City USA affiliate?

You may visit our benefits webpage here

<https://www.beecityusa.org/benefits-to-your-community.html>.

By being a Bee City USA affiliate, city leaders (both grassroots and grassstops) can improve their city or county's environment, eating habits, and economy:

- Help to ensure the survival of vital animal species—hundreds of thousands of species of pollinators--crucial to our planet's complex food web.
- Raise community awareness of the dangers of non-native invasive plants to the local ecosystem and least toxic ways to deal with landscaping pest problems.

- Raise community awareness of how our food grows and improve local food production through expanded pollination. (More than 150 food crops in the United States depend on pollinators, including blueberries, apples, squash, strawberries and almonds.)
- Improve local plant nursery markets by increasing demand for native, pollinator friendly plants.

We hope you will agree that the benefits of belonging to this growing network are many. Bee City USA affiliates:

- Belong to a national movement of cities or counties committed to engaging in pollinator conservation.
- May participate in optional affiliate network webinars to promote collaboration and teaching and learning among affiliates.
- Are accountable for achieving pollinator conservation results each year, results shared with one another and the public through annual reporting.
- Receive ongoing support to assist affiliates with community impact including current information about research and national trends in pollinator conservation through Bee City USA e-newsletters, listserv, website and Facebook page.
- Receive timely press release templates to bring local attention to pollinator issues.
- May have opportunities to collaborate on grant proposals and to attend training programs for affiliates.
- Have access to online tools and documents, as well as shared resources for program promotion – brochure templates, T-shirt designs, bee decals, pollinator garden signs, etc.

STREET SIGN--Does Xerces provide the street sign?

Once you are certified, we provide artwork for your street sign. If you don't have local vendors, we can refer you to street sign producers that charge around \$75/sign.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN--Does Bee City USA give affiliates a plan to implement?

When affiliates adopt Bee City USA commitments, they are agreeing to develop a Pollinator Habitat Plan consisting of a recommended native plant species list, a list of local native plant and seed retailers and wholesalers, and an Integrated Pest Management Plan. We provide directions on how to develop the recommended species list and we provide examples of IPM plans when requested. Affiliates also agree to maintain a standing Bee Campus USA committee, to enhance pollinator habitat throughout the community, to educate the community through events, to integrate the species list and IPM plan into the city's/county's master plans, and to report on accomplishments annually. To support your planning efforts, we offer a Sample Annual Calendar and a Getting Started document, however, these documents are considered suggestions, not an Implementation Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION of [your city council or county commission of your city and state here] designating [your city or county here] as a BEE CITY USA® affiliate.

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- **Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;**
- **Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators;**
- **Provides water for drinking, nest-building, and butterfly puddling;**
- **Is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat;**
- **Is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;**
- **Provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and**

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, [your city or county here] should be certified a *BEE CITY USA* community because:

- **XXX**
- **XXX**
- **XXX**

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, [your city or county here] chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, resolving as follows:

1. **The [your city or county here] [appropriate department name] Department is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA sponsor.**
2. **The [appropriate position title] of [department above here] is designated as the BEE CITY USA Liaison.**
3. **Facilitation of the [your city or county here] BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the [committee name here] Committee.**
4. **The [committee name here] Committee is authorized to and shall:**

- a. **Celebration:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase [your city or county name here]'s commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
- b. **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the [your city or county name here] website which includes, at minimum:
 - a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website;
 - contact information for your BEE CITY USA Liaison and Committee;
 - reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and
 - your recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan (explained below).
- c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:
 - Identify and inventory [City or County] real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
 - Create a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species.
 - Track (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
- d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
- e. **Policy:** Establish, through the [City or County], a policy in the [Plan name here] Plan of the [City's or County's] Comprehensive Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA designation.
- f. **Plan Review:** Review the [Plan name here] Plan and other relevant documents to: consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
- g. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of the [your city or county name here]'s BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on [your city or county name here]'s population.

ADOPTED by the [City Council or County Commission] of the [your city or county name, state here], this ___ day of _____, 20__.



April 25, 2018
8:32 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

ROLL CALL

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present: Nancy Steinberg, Cheryl Brown, Jennie Scarborough, Kevin Greenwood, Luana Beeson, Al Gilhuly. **Absent:** Karen Smith, Paul Stangeland, Jeff Schrantz, Brian Norris, Mark Saelens - Council Liaison.

Staff/Guests in attendance: Jim Protiva - Parks and Recreation Director, Anjanette Baker - Committee Applicant, and Cyndi Karp.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes - March 21, 2018

MOTION was made by Greenwood, seconded by Beeson, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting. The motion carried in a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Vacancy Interview

Steinberg introduced Anjanette Baker, Committee Applicant. Steinberg noted that they would interview her and then next month vote on her acceptance, and forward that decision on to the mayor for appointment. Baker noted that she had lived in Newport for about eleven years and works independently for a scientific society. Baker answered questions from the committee noting that she had served on various committees in the community and believed that one of the main challenges facing Newport was funding, and providing recreation opportunities for all the stakeholders. Baker added that she and her family have used all of the current Parks and Recreation facilities

Parks Master Plan - Update

Protiva noted that a consulting company had been selected -- Angelo Planning Group, of Oregon. The contract would go before the City Council on May 7 for approval, and work should begin in mid-May. A committee is being established which will be approved at the May 7 Council meeting.

Bee City USA

Steinberg noted that Cyndi Karp had submitted an email, inviting Newport to become the first Bee City on the Oregon Coast. Karp noted that she was a member of the Mid-Coast Watershed Council Pollinator Committee for the ODOT project, between Newport and Yachats. She noted that Yachats had already started the process. Her hope is to have

programs in place to help citizens plant native species for pollinators. Karp explained what Newport would need to do in order to become a Bee City USA.

MOTION: Steinberg moved to forward a recommendation to the City Council that the City of Newport make application to become a Bee City USA. Seconded by Gilhuly. The motion carried in a voice vote.

Park Bench Policy - draft

Protiva handed out a draft policy regarding park benches and placement, and added that the discussion of the policy should be a part of the Parks Master Plan development.

Charge to the Committee

Steinberg noted that the Committee's mission statement or Charge to the Committee was established about two years ago and should be reviewed annually. Steinberg asked that the Committee review the document and be ready to discuss it at the May meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Protiva handed out his monthly report, noting that every department produced one and they are on the City's website if people are interested in reviewing them. Protiva added that the Coast Hills Classic Bike Race was held during the month. Steinberg noted that the trails were badly deteriorated after the race due to the rainy conditions, and something needed to be done to improve them.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

Develop Next Agenda

Parks Master Plan Update
Committee Applicant Recommendation
Charge to the Committee
Roof Repairs - Tim Gross
Mountain Bike Trails at Reservoir

Establish Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2018.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 3818

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT
DESIGNATING THE CITY OF NEWPORT AS A
BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE**

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA® is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of 90% of the world's wild plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, due in part to the tremendous diversity of wild native bees, along with the honey bees that were brought to the United States from Europe in the 1700s, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, vegetables, and even dairy products - one in every three bites of food we eat is courtesy of insect pollination; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season; and
- Provides water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling; and
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field
- Is pesticide-free or has pesticide use carried out with least ill effects on pollinators; and
- Is comprised of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees in landscapes because many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; and
- Includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness; and
- Provides for the safe and humane removal of honeybees where required.

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions among community stewards, backyard beekeepers, farmers, children, educators, Master Gardeners, local businesses, faith-based organizations, and nature-related organizations; and

WHEREAS, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the City of Newport chooses to support and encourage pollinator habitat creation and enhancement on both public and private land where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newport supports the tenants of the Bee City USA® program.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The City of Newport Parks and Recreation Department is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA® sponsor.

The Parks Director of the City of Newport is designated as the Bee City USA® liaison.

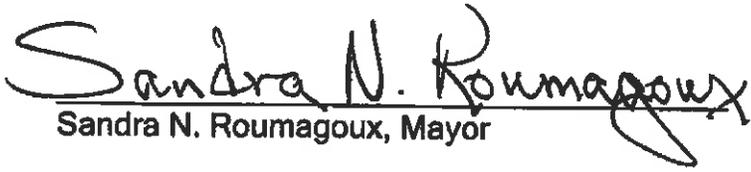
Facilitation of the City of Newport's BEE CITY USA® program is assigned to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is authorized to, and should:

1. **Celebration:** Annually celebrate National Pollinator Week during the third full week of June, or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, proclamations, or promotions that highlight the City of Newport's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.
2. **Publicity and Information.** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA® street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the city's website that includes, at minimum, a copy of this resolution, links to the national BEE CITY USA® website, contact information for the city's BEE CITY USA® liaison, contact information for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished in the previous year.
3. **Habitat.** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat, which can include:
 - a. Identification and inventory of city property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
 - b. Creation of a recommended locally native species list to include forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees, and a list of local suppliers for those species.
 - c. Creation of a least toxic integrated pesticide management plan.
 - d. Dissemination of informational and educational materials to the public.
 - e. Tracking annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced by square footage and/or acreage.
4. **Policy.** Establish, through the city, a policy in the Parks System Master Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA® designation.
5. **Plan Review.** Review the Parks System Master Plan and other relevant documents to review pesticide management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
6. **Renewal.** After completing the first year as a BEE CITY USA® affiliate, each January, apply for renewal of the City of Newport's BEE CITY USA® designation.

Section 2. This resolution will be effective immediately on adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on July 16, 2018.


Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor

ATTEST:


Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

