



SUMMARY

Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Friday, April 4, 2025
9:00 a.m.
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

Appointees Present: Josey Cline, Cameron Cohran, Joyce Rose-Harris, Gretchen Lambert, Benjamin Marosites, Caroline Nagel, Bob Petrusis, Julie Seel, Dave Voyles, Dennis Wiehl.

Guests and Staff: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Jory Fleming, Laura Anne Hunt, Tangee Jacobs, Brad Obrien, Mary Elizabeth Pifer, Priscilla Preston

Chairman Bob Petrusis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Clint Shealy was absent, thus there was no review of the Ready for100 v. 2.0

Bob then called for a round robin of introductions as were some new people at the table.

The majority of the meeting was a discussion from Brad Obrien with the Xerces Society about Bee City USA. The Urban Farming Committee recommends that the City of Columbia become a Bee City USA; Brad discussed the requirements as follows:

1. Establish a standing Bee City USA committee to advocate for pollinators. Every committee will be different, but should include individuals with experience and interests that will help the committee complete the commitments.
2. Create and enhance pollinator habitat on public and private land by increasing the abundance of native plants and providing nest sites.
3. 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.
4. Establish a policy in the city's comprehensive plan to acknowledge and commit to the Bee City USA designation.
5. Host or co-host at least one pollinator awareness event each year.
6. Publicly acknowledge Bee City USA affiliation with signs and an online presence.
7. Pay an initial application fee and annual renewal fees.

Mary Pat announced that the City is in the process of selecting the second round of Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Grants. The official announcement will be made on Earth Day, April 22.

Next up, Mary Pat updated the group on the Earth Day Climate Action Fair on Saturday, April 26. The event is being held at Boyd Plaza, in conjunction with Soda City. Jory added that the planning committee is meeting this afternoon; if anyone is interested and/or had any great ideas, they should contact him or Mary Pat. Volunteers will also be needed on the day of the event.

Because the newsletter had just gone out, there were no statistics for April. In March, that 828 e-newsletters went out and there was a 52% open rate. The link click rate was 10%, and the most viewed link was the one about micro plastics in the human brain.

The summary from the March meeting was approved as submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.