Municipal Office Building 211 S. Hamilton Street High Point, NC 27260



Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Special Meeting

Council Chambers

Prosperity and Livability Committee

Wesley Hudson - Chair Michael Holmes Cyril Jefferson Monica Peters Jay Wagner, Mayor (Alternate)

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

<u>Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Wesley Hudson,</u> Chair

2023-021 Resolution - City of High Point Becomes a Bee City USA

City Council is requested to approve a request from Keep High Point Beautiful for the City of High Point to become an affiliate of Bee City USA.

Attachments: Bee City USA KHPB

Resolution - Bee City USA

Bee City Presentation

2023-017 Update - Public Art Policy

Attachments: Information - Public Art Policy

CHP Public Art Policy - Revised 12.07.15

2023-019 Update - Main Street Tree Replacements

Attachments: Information - Main Street Tree Replacements

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>



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CITY OF HIGH POINT AGENDA ITEM



Title: City of High Point Becomes a Bee City USA – An Initiative of the Xerces Society

From: Robby Stone – Public Services Director

Melinda King – Asst. Public Services Director

Meeting Date: January 17, 2023

Public Hearing: No Advertising Date: Advertised By:

Attachments: Presentation

PURPOSE: To approve a request for Keep High Point Beautiful (KHPB) to become an affiliate of Bee City USA. In order to become a Bee City USA affiliate, the Bee City USA application and a resolution must be submitted to the High Point City Council and formal approval and adoption occur.

BACKGROUND: The United States is home to just over 3,600 native (wild) bee species such as bumble bees, leafcutter bees, sweat bees, mason bees, longhorn bees, and mining bees. Native pollinators are particularly important because they evolved alongside native plants and in many cases are the most effective pollinators — and in a few cases, the only pollinators. Pollinators are keystone species in essentially every terrestrial ecosystem on earth, assisting in plant reproduction and supporting other species of wildlife. Pollinators touch our lives in numerous ways each day, including "being" (no pun intended) responsible for approximately one third of the food and drink we consume. The value of crop pollination has been estimated between \$18 and \$27 billion annually in the U.S.

Bee City USA provides a framework for communities to come together to conserve native pollinators by providing them with healthy habitat that is rich in a variety of native plants, provides nest sites, and is protected from pesticides. As the name suggests, the focus of Bee City USA is bees, and primarily our native species. The steps that affiliates take to conserve our native bees, including creating safe habitats and hosting community events, will also help other pollinators including butterflies and moths as well as the non-native honey bee. One of the most impactful actions any affiliate can take is to encourage others to think beyond the honey bee and recognize the true diversity of bees that sustain our communities.

As the KHPB board celebrates their 35th Anniversary, it would like to continue to grow its impact throughout the community. KHBP can ensure survival of vital animal species, build community, improve local food production in coordination with non-profits, support small businesses, address pest problems with fewer pesticides and heighten awareness of biological diversity.

BUDGET IMPACT: Funding for this affiliation is currently available in the FY 2022-2023 Keep High Point Beautiful budget.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED: Public Services is recommending that Council approve the request to become an affiliate of Bee City USA for a total of \$500.



Bee City USA example

A RESOLUTION of High Point City Council Designating the City of High Point, NC 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 (A) Is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season to provide diverse and abundant nectar and pollen, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; (B) is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat; (C) comprises undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering; and (D) provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of High Point should be certified a *BEE CITY USA* community in conjunction with Keep High Point Beautiful (KHPB); and

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, City of High Point chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, resolving as follows:

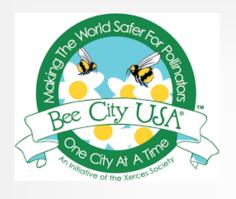
- a. Publicity & Information: Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the City of High Point website which includes, at minimum a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website; contact 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).
- b. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of City of High Point'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 City of High Point's population.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of High Point, NC, this 17th day of January, 2023.

	Name:	
Attest:	Title:	_
	Signature:	
Sandra Keeney, City Clerk		

















Why Bee City?

- When people hear the word "bee" they often think of a single bee species, the European honey bee. However, the United States is also home to just over 3,600 native (wild) bee species.
- Native pollinators are particularly important because they evolved alongside native plants and in many cases are the most effective pollinators and in a few cases, the only pollinators.
- Pollinators are keystone species in essentially every terrestrial ecosystem on earth, assisting in plant reproduction and supporting other species of wildlife.
- Pollinators touch our lives in numerous ways each day, including being responsible for approximately one third of the food and drink we consume.
- The value of crop pollination has been estimated between \$18 and \$27 billion annually in the U.S.







Benefits

- Help to ensure the survival of vital animal species crucial to our planet's functioning ecosystems.
- Build a pollinator friendly community locally. This will boost overall efforts in NC and nationally.
- Improve local food production, support local growers and farmers
- Support the growth of local businesses including native plant nurseries and pollinator friendly landscaping.
- Bring your community together around a positive, shared cause and connect with others across the country that have made the same commitment.





Community Awareness

- Raise community awareness of how our food grows and improve local food production through expanded pollination.
- Work to address pest problems with fewer pesticides and raise community awareness of the least toxic ways to tackle home and garden pest problems.
- Mobilize our community to remove non-native invasive plants to make way for locally native plant species.
- Raise community awareness of the local environment's diversity of plant and pollinator species.
- Ability to partner with businesses and organizations that are already knowledgeable and have well established pollinator friendly practices.







How can we help?

- The steps that affiliates take to conserve our native bees, including creating safe habitats and hosting community events, will also help other pollinators including butterflies and moths as well as the non-native honey bee.
- Educate our community as to the benefits of bees and other pollinators.
- Strive to use fewer pesticides when possible.
- Work together to improve the overall environment

GREAT NEWS! High Point is already well on it way!!



How do we proceed?



 Assign facilitation to a local government body or nonprofit organization and form a committee.

Assign facilitation of the Bee City USA effort to Keep High Point Beautiful as we are a well-established group that operates under the umbrella of the City of High Point with the support of the Public Services Department. We will form a subcommittee that will include several KHPB board, Youth Advisory Council and community members.

Designate a local government department as a sponsor.

Public Services will serve as the sponsoring department and provide a liaison.

Complete the online application form and submit along with a resolution

Keep High Point Beautiful will be responsible for submission of all.

Submit adopted resolution and pay annual fee of \$500.00.

Keep High Point Beautiful will submit resolution and fee will come from annual budget provide through Public Services Department, Environmental Services Division.

Thank you!

Public Services Department
Environmental Services Division
Keep High Point Beautiful





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Revised Public Art Policy

Adopted by City Council

December 7, 2015

CITY OF HIGH POINT AGENDA ITEM



Title: Private Art Display Policy Revisions

From: Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager

Public Hearing: N/A

Attachments: Revised Public Art Policy

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015

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PURPOSE:

Revise the Private Art Display Policy to expand the program from limited/defined locations to citywide and allow the City to accept donated artworks.

BACKGROUND:

On August 18, 2014 the City adopted a Private Art Display Policy which governed the application, acceptance and display of public art at four city approved locations. A request to install artwork at the Southside Recreation Center led to a review of the policy. Staff recommends two revisions: 1. Redefining the section on locations to read as follows: Private art may be displayed on any public property once the art has been evaluated under this Private Art Display Policy and the location has been approved by the City Manager's Office and adding a section on ownership that reads as follows: Nothing in this policy shall prevent the City from receiving and displaying private art from artists who desire to donate their artwork to the City. Acceptance and display of donated artworks shall be at the discretion of the City Manager.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends adopting the proposed revised Private Art Display Policy as presented.

CITY OF HIGH POINT PRIVATE ART DISPLAY POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to create organized guidelines for the application, acceptance and display of private art and art projects on public grounds. The City will strive to enhance public places with high quality art work and use these displays to promote local artists. All artwork considered under this policy will be for temporary display. It is not the intent of the City that any of the approved artwork be displayed in perpetuity, nor is it the intent that the City would obtain ownership of any artwork that it allows to be displayed.

Application to Display Artwork

The artist or art owner may apply to the City Manager's office if they wish to have their art displayed on public grounds. The application must include a description of the artwork which includes a rendering or picture if available, dimensions, area desired to have the art displayed, artist's name and contact information, and dates when the artist wishes to have the art displayed. If requested by the City, the artist make a time available for a representative of the City to view the completed art project and if necessary photograph the art in order to review the piece for appropriateness. If the piece requires assembly, the artist may choose to assemble the art on site.

The area where the art will be displayed must also be approved by the City. Under no circumstances will the art be placed in an area that would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. The number of pieces allowed in a particular location will depend on the size of each individual piece and the available locations for similar displays.

Evaluation of the Art Display

After application is made to the City manager's office, the City manager shall forward the application to Theatre Art Galleries, Inc. ("TAG") to determine if the art is appropriate for display in the time, place and manner in which the applicant wishes for it to be displayed. Additionally, TAG will evaluate the artwork and ensure the appropriateness of the art based on the following:

- a) Long term durability and required maintenance of the artwork.
- b) Relationship and appropriateness to the immediate location (architecture, topography and landscape, scale of the art, on site structures or other physical attributes).
- c) Installation costs, site preparation costs, and insurance considerations.
- d) Local community standards and public response.
- e) Quality of the art.
- f) Diversity of artwork already in the area.
- g) Future projects planned for the location.
- h) Priority of display opportunities will be given to local artists.
- i) The art must not be obscene or defamatory; and
- j) The display of the art must not be in violation of any federal, state or local law.

TAG will present their recommendations to the City as to whether the artwork is appropriate and of quality for display. The City shall then arrange for placement of the artwork at the earliest date in which an area for display becomes open. TAG may provide a specific location in which they believe the Work

would add unique aesthetic or cultural value and the City Manager may then decide whether to direct placement of the Work at that location or place the Work at the earliest available location.

Display Location and Duration

The area in which the art may be displayed shall be designated by the City and no other sites for art displays will be considered unless approved by the City Council. Any artist wishing to display their artwork on public grounds must commit to having their art remain there for a period of six (6) months in order to avoid unreasonable disturbances to the area in which the art will be displayed. The area and duration for which the art will be displayed will be set forth in the City's Private Art Display Application which must be signed by each applicant prior to their art being displayed on public grounds.

City Approved Locations

The City Council may add additional locations to which public grounds will be used for private art displays at their discretion. The initial location where art will be displayed shall be as follows:

- Site 1 The W. Commerce Parking Garage west of the Garage Entrance
- Site 2 New traffic circle at S. Elm, W. Lindsay and W. Parkway
- Site 3 Traffic island at N. Hamilton and N. Wrenn
- Site 4 Traffic island at N. Hamilton, E. Kivett and English

Private art may be displayed on any public property once the art has been evaluated under this Private Art Display Policy and the location has been approved by the City Manger's Office.

Liability

The City will not assume responsibility for any loss or damage to art exhibited on public property. All artists will be asked to sign an agreement in which they list all items in their display and release the City from any liability. Additionally, the artist will be responsible for securing insurance on the artwork prior to the art being placed on public property. The artist will also be responsible for any maintenance to the artwork while it is on display and it shall be at the complete discretion of the City when such maintenance is required.

Set Up and Take Down of Displays

The artist shall provide whatever base or pad will be necessary to have their Work displayed on public property. The base must be removable and shall be removed at the time the artwork is removed. At the end of any established time period for the art to be displayed, or at the request of the City, the artist or his/her representative shall have the art removed at cost to the artist. The City may ask that the art be removed for any reason at and at any time once the art has been displayed. Under no circumstance will the City be responsible for storing the art after it has been displayed.

Application and Agreement Terms

All obligations of the artist or art owner and the City shall be set forth in an application to be completed and signed by the artist or art owner wishing to display their work. The City shall have the right to update and amend the application for future artists. No privately owned work of art may be displayed on public property without the artist or art owner having completed the City's application and having agreed to the terms of the application.

Ownership

Nothing in this policy shall prevent the City from receiving and displaying private art from artists who desire to donate their artwork to the City. Acceptance and display of donated artworks shall be at the discretion of the City Manager.



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CITY OF HIGH POINT AGENDA ITEM



Title: Main Street Tree replacement update

From: Andy Piper, Senior Planner Meeting Date: January 11, 2023

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date / N/A
Advertised By: -

Attachments:

PURPOSE:

Update the committee on Main Street tree replacement.

BACKGROUND:

Tree replacements occurred along Main Street in December 2022. Staff will update the committee on the project.

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTIONS REQUESTED:

Information item only. No action is needed.