

RENO CITY COUNCIL

# PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

Thank you for participating. We know your time is valuable and we look forward to hearing your comments, ideas and questions. The Mayor and City Council request that all comments are expressed in a courteous manner. Public comment is limited to three minutes each. Comments should be addressed to the council as a whole, not an individual member.

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If you are representing someone, other than yourself, please indicate whom:

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

COUNCIL MEETING DATE \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA ITEM B19

IN FAVOR ☒ IN OPPOSITION ☐

COMMENTS: Replacing Ray Hopper  
who was scheduled to speak.  
A Bear knocked over trees this  
morning & he is rescuing.

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WHEN COMPLETED, PLEASE RETURN TO THE CITY OF RENO CITY CLERK

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION



Barbara Jenne  
7/27/2022



# Biggest Little Bee City

<https://biggestlittlebeecity.org>



## Our Mission

We are a consortium of nonprofits and individuals concerned with pollinator health, in partnership with the City of Reno, Nevada. Advocating in the interest of all pollinators, whose populations are shrinking worldwide, we support the education and awareness of our Reno community to assist in maintaining and building pollinator habitat as well as limiting and properly using pesticides. We encourage continued research, conservation, and sustainable practices by our city.

## Our Partners

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### Committed to Pollinator Health



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## CONSERVATION OUTCOMES

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Since 2019

1,072,700+

People engaged in pollinator conservation as a result of Bee City USA & Bee Campus USA

2,544+

Habitat projects completed totaling over 2,400 acres

**A Wide Range** Of approaches to using integrated pest management to reduce pesticide use



2018



## MINUTES

### BIGGEST LITTLE BEE CITY USA

May 19, 2022. 3:30 pm

Ray Hopper's Zoom site: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4854490110>

**Members Present:** Matt Brezina, Ryan Sharrer, Melissa Gilbert, Laurie Yarborough, Ray Hopper, Emu Heller, Barb Fenne, Elena Larsen (representing TMPF), Cecilia Vigil. Also present: Ginger Fenwick (Bees 4 Vets)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ray Hopper at 3:35.

#### Approval of Agenda

**Welcome Ryan Sharrer,** Reno's City Horticulturist and newly appointed Reno City Liaison for BLBC USA Committee. Matt Brezina stepping down, with many thanks!

**Presentation,** Bee City USA affiliation final steps completed. Expectations for affiliates includes annual pollinator awareness events, public signage as Bee City USA affiliate, hosting a website such as <https://biggestlittlebeecityusa.org>; and submitting annual reports and fees.



Matt Brezina, Ray Hopper, Naomi Duerr, and Queen Bee Barb Fenne at City Council

#### Awareness Events Scheduled,

- Earth Day, April 22 – TMCC celebration April 20
- TMPF "Plantapalooza" April 23
- NV Sage Waldorf "May Faire", River School Farm, May 7
- TMPF Trail Challenge May 14
- Valley Wood Park Walking Tour, May 21, 10 – 11 AM
- OTR Landscaping Workshops, 4/23, 5/13-14
- World Bee Day, May 20, 2022
- Bee Friendly Reno 2022 Launch, May 22, 3 – 5 PM
- Pollinator Week, June 20 – 26
- "Promoting Pollinators in Your Yard" Webinar, OTR, June 23, 11 AM
- Davis Creek Campground Pollinator Presentation, July 30, 4PM
- World Honey Bee Day, August 20. (Same as Bluegrass Festival at Bowers Mansion)

**Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting.** Schedule for July 27 9:45 AM, immediately before the City Council meeting that day, to be held in the City Plaza. Attendance by City Council, Mayor, *et al.* New BLBC banner with partner logos. Release of predatory insects (*e.g.*, ladybugs, green lacewings)

**Mission Statement.** Old mission ("To Achieve Bee City USA Status") no longer serves. Need for new mission statement, should include the 3 basic tenets of Bee City USA: Promoting Public Education about Pollinator Health; the Reduction of the Use of Pesticides within Reno; and Improved Pollinator Habitat. Ray to send out strawman for comments.



**Benchmarks, Metrics and Goals.** To measure progress, we should establish some benchmarks, and possibly set goals.

- Pesticide Use
  - By City, easily obtainable
  - By Residents, not so easy. Would HD, Lowes, etc make data available?
- Habitat Improvement
  - Pesticide-Free Parks
  - Lawn-to-xeriscape conversions
  - Habitat Improvement Opportunities
- Educational Events
  - Attendance Numbers

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM

The meeting was not recorded. My bad.

#### **Next Meeting**

**What:** Biggest Little Bee City USA Committee

**When:** June 16, 2022, 3:30PM

**Where:** Ray Hopper's Zoom Site: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4854490110>

- Pollinator Week, June 20 – 26; <https://Pollinator.org>
- “Promoting Pollinators in Your Yard” Webinar, OTR, June 23, 11 AM
- Lavender & Honey Festival, Idlewild Park, Sunday July 10, 10 AM – 6 PM
- Reno Garlic Fest, July 30, 3 – 8 PM, Dick Taylor Park, 1140 Beech St.
- Davis Creek Campground Pollinator Presentation, July 30, 4PM
  - Joint presentation, NNBA Beekeepers + BLBC
- World Honey Bee Day, August 20.
- BLBC Bee Information Booth, Bowers Mansion Bluegrass Festival, August 20
  - All Day Event, will need volunteers to staff booth
- CA State Beekeepers Ass’n Annual Conference 11/15 – 11/17
  - At the Reno Peppermill!
- Ray introduced the idea of replicating the 2019 Truckee Meadows Earth Day Celebration held at Mayberry Park, a more Earth-centric celebration than the Reno Earth Day event at Idlewild Park.

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- Pesticide Use
- Habitat Improvement
- Educational Events

### Anti-Neonic Legislation, 2023 Session

- Promoted by Sierra Club, [brian.beffort@sierraclub.org](mailto:brian.beffort@sierraclub.org) (Pollinator Posse)
- Sponsored by Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM

A recording of the meeting can be downloaded here: [https://1drv.ms/v/s!AoM0X-W6G\\_6XmXEzsqPkt5GeeUe?e=xZQPUu](https://1drv.ms/v/s!AoM0X-W6G_6XmXEzsqPkt5GeeUe?e=xZQPUu)

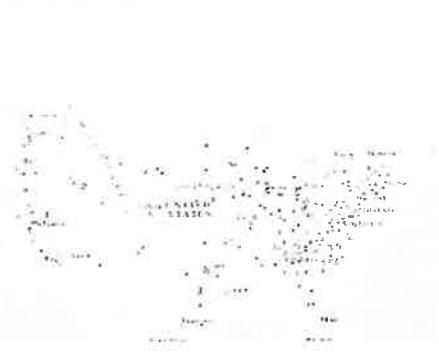
### Next Meeting

**What:** Biggest Little Bee City USA Committee

**When:** July 21, 2022. 3:30PM

**Where:** Ray Hopper’s Zoom Site: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4854490110>

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## Biggest Little Bee City Meeting Minutes



June 16, 2022. 3:30 pm

Ray Hopper's Zoom site: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4854490110>

**Members Present:** Ray Hopper (conducting), Ryan Sharrer, Laurie Yarborough, Emu Heller, Carrie Jensen, Barb Fenne. Also present: Ashley Greenhalgh.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ray Hopper at 3:35.

### Approval of Agenda

#### Announcements

- Bee Friendly Reno & Melissa Gilbert campaign featured in This is Reno, <https://thisisreno.com/2022/06/terrifying-bee-swarms-nothing-to-fear-commentary/>
- The Biggest Little Bee City is now on the Xerces map between Carson City and Bee Campus TMCC: <https://beecityusa.org>



### Mission Statement

With some additional polishing and wordsmithing to come, we arrived at the following statement:

"We are a consortium of nonprofits and individuals concerned with Pollinator Health, in partnership with the city of Reno, Nevada. Advocating in the interest of all pollinators whose populations are shrinking world-wide, we support the education and awareness of our Reno community to assist in maintaining and building pollinator habitat, and limiting and properly using pesticides. We encourage continued research, conservation, and sustainable practices by our city."

Notably, we removed reference to "Native" habitat species, and specifically wish to avoid that limitation. Ryan recommended developing a Plant List, which, coincidentally, is one of the things that Xerces wants to see. Also noteworthy is the selection of the word "Pesticides", as a broader term including insecticides, herbicides and possibly other "-cides".

### Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting

- Moved to August City Council meeting (8/10 or 8/24) at City Plaza, with attendance by City Council members. (Is Matt B. still driving this?)
- Mayor or Council Proclamation request, deferred to 2023 Pollinator Week or Earth Day.
- New 10' Banner for display at events: First attempt displaying logos of committee members.



Carrie mentioned that One Truckee River quickly ran out of room for logos as their organization grew. We may need to consider an alternate design.

