



Martha Baldwin Park Board Agenda  
Department of Public Services  
851 South Eton-Conference Room  
Thursday, December 16, 2021  
11:00 AM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Welcome New Member Patrick Rock**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of: July 30, 2019**
- V. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Department of Public Services, one week prior to the meeting.**
- VI. Communications/Discussion Items**
  - 1. Park Review (verbal)
  - 2. Maintenance Agreement Terms (verbal)
  - 3. Draft Interpretive Sign
  - 4. Lebanese Cedar Tree Update (verbal)
- VII. Discussion of Items Not On the Agenda**
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Next Regular Meeting –TBD**
- X. Adjournment**

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## **Martha Baldwin Park Board Meeting Minutes July 30, 2019**

Robert Kenning, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the Department of Public Services Conference room, 851 S. Eton

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Linda Forrester, Robert Kenning, Andrew Linovitz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jane McKee

**ADMINISTRATION:** Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services  
Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Brendan McGaughey, Parks and Forestry Foreman  
Michael Jurek, Parks and Forestry Assistant Foreman

It was moved by Andrew Linovitz, seconded by Linda Forrester that the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting be approved as submitted.

**Yeas- 3** Robert Kenning, Linda Forrester, Andrew Linovitz

**Nays- 0**

**Absent-1** Jane McKee

Mr. Kenning started the meeting with the topic of a partnership with the Birmingham Public Schools in order to promote the educational opportunity of the new native planting bed. Educational items could consist of Monarchs, benefits of native plants, etc. Linda Forrester and Andrew Linovitz volunteered to research this and contact the schools.

### **Agenda Item #1 – Maple and Southfield Landscape Plan**

Director Wood reviewed the proposed improvements to the Maple and Southfield intersection provided by the City's Engineering Department. The improvements include an adjustment to the location of the landscape bed located at the corner of Maple and Southfield Rd. due to relocating the street, as part of a recommended traffic alignment. The existing plant bed is to remain as much as possible. The existing tree and dogwood shrubs are to be removed and the remaining perennials impacted by new concrete will be relocated. In addition to a realignment of the existing landscape bed, the improvements include the addition of a landscape bed surrounding a new circular concrete pad within the sidewalk at the corner. This feature will also include seating, similar to other seating areas found throughout town.

Mr. Kenning was concerned that the project might be extending from the right of way into the actual park area and if this was the case, the Board must be prepared to deed a small slice of the park back to the City in order to make these improvements. Director Wood assured Mr. Kenning that the right of way is rather large in this case and the improvements are not extending into the park.

It was moved by Linda Forrester, seconded by Andrew Linovitz to approve the Maple and Southfield Landscape Plan.

**Yeas - 3**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent-1** Jane McKee

**Communication/Discussion Item #1 – Lebanese Cedar Tree (verbal)**

Director Wood informed the Board that a Lebanese Cedar Tree has been planted in Martha Baldwin Park. The City was approached by the Consul General of Lebanon, Mrs. Suzan Mouzi Yassine to accept the gift of a Cedar Tree from them. It was to be planted in a location near downtown, which affords enough space for the tree to grow and survive. Martha Baldwin Park was selected as a beautiful space for this gift. Director Wood noted there would be an upcoming ceremony at Martha Baldwin Park and invited the Board to attend. Details of the ceremony will be sent out as soon as they become available.

**Communication/Discussion Item #2 – Mark Di Suvero Sculpture removed (verbal)**

Manager Laird informed the Board that the Mark Di Suvero Sculpture has been removed from Martha Baldwin Park due to the lease expiring. Mr. Kenning assumed that the Public Art Board will want to place another piece at the park and reiterated that the Martha Baldwin Park Board is very accepting of new art pieces to be located at the Park. The Board agreed that the placement or location of any art piece in the Park shall be discussed with the Public Art Board prior to the installation and that it may vary depending on the art piece.

**Discussion of Items Not On the Agenda-**

Ms. Forrester expressed her unhappiness with the condition of the park. She noted that it is holding water and is unsightly. There are many weeds and the Contractor needs to come out and weed the bed, she did not think they are performing the required maintenance. It has been a very wet season, which explains the water issues, but Manager Laird said she would check on the Contract terms and make sure they are performing the required maintenance and invited Ms. Forrester to attend a meeting with the Contractor. The Board asked that staff report at the next meeting the frequency and timing of the maintenance agreement.

The next meeting will be TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm

Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager



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### FACTS ABOUT SPECIES IN THIS RAIN GARDEN:

- 1** **Prairie Dropseed**  
Provides nesting materials/structure for native bees.

**2** **Butterfly Milkweed**  
Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds and large numbers of native bees. Hosts Gray Hairstreak, Monarch, and Queens larvae.

**2** **Wild Columbine**  
Hosts larval Columbine Duskywing (*Erynnis lucilius*).

**3** **Black Eyed Susan**  
Attracts birds and butterflies.

**3** **Whorled Milkweed**  
Hosts larval Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*).

**4** **Tall Coreopsis**  
Attracts birds and butterflies. Recognized by pollination ecologists as attracting large numbers of native bees.
- 4** **Purple Coneflower**  
Attracts butterflies, native bees, and hummingbirds.

**5** **Iron Weed**  
Hosts larval American Painted Lady (*Vanessa virginiensis*). Attracts butterflies.

**6** **Joe Pye Weed**  
Attracts Monarchs, Swallowtails and is a larval host plant for some moth species.

**7** **Wild Bergamot**  
Attracts Monarchs, native bees, Clear wing moths, hummingbirds and is sought out for its seed in the fall by chickadees and sparrows.

Monarch photo by: Candy Sarikonda, Monarch Watch

# WHAT HAS BEEN PLANTED IN THIS RAIN GARDEN/BIOSWALE?



**Blunt Spikerush**  
*Eleocharis obtusa*

1



**Swamp Milkweed**  
*Asclepias incarnata*

2



**Fox Sedge**  
*Carex vulpinoidea*

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**Common Ironweed**  
*Vernonia fasciculata*

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**Blue Flag Iris**  
*Iris versicolor*

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**Sweet Flag**  
*Acorus gramineus*

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**Red Twig Dogwood**  
*Cornus sericea*

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**Cardinal Flower**  
*Lobelia cardinalis*

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**Joe-Pye Weed**  
*Eutrochium purpureum*

9



**Rose Mallow**  
*Hibiscus moschuetos*

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**Queen of the Prairie**  
*Filipendula rubra*

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**Marsh Blazing Star**  
*Liatris spicata*

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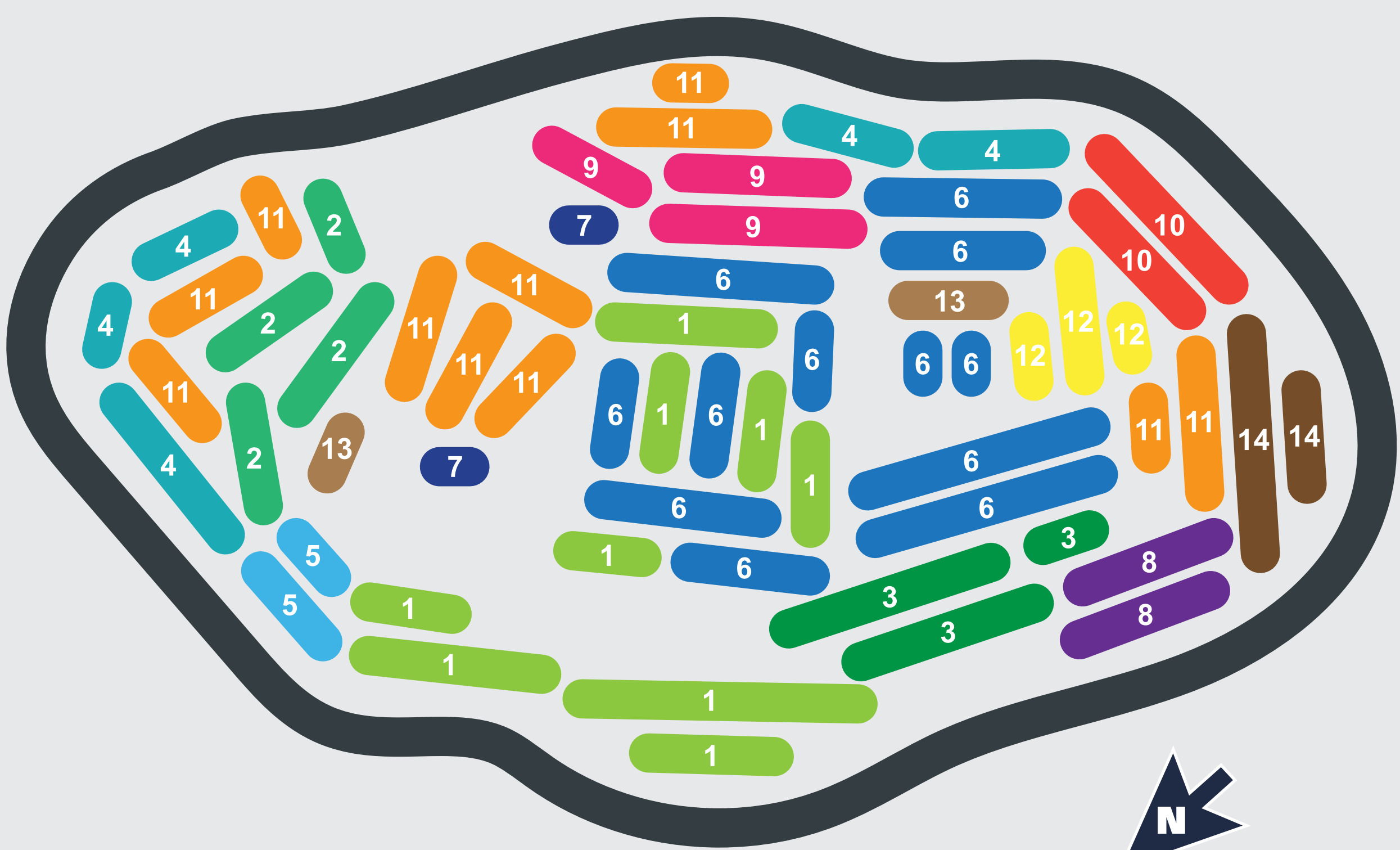
**Buttonbush**  
*Cephalanthus occidentalis*

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**Monkey Flower**  
*Mimulus ringens*

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