

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
JULY 5, 2016 AGENDA**

| <b>Subject:</b>   | <b>Action Required:</b>   | <b>Approved By:</b>  |
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| <p>Submission of application to designate Little Rock as a certified Bee City USA</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance<br/>✓ <b>Resolution</b><br/>Approval<br/>Information Report</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore<br/>City Manager</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p>                                    | <p>Submission application to designate City of Little Rock as a certified Bee City USA</p>  |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p>                               | <p>None.</p>  |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p>                              | <p>Adoption of the resolution.</p>  |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>                                  | <p>Bees and other pollinators around the globe experienced declines due habitat loss, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases. Supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability and increases interactions among community stewards such as commercial and backyard beekeepers, farmers, educators, gardeners, neighborhoods, and municipalities as well as the overall community. The City has already begun using bee-friendly plants in public gardens and parks (Dunbar Gardens, Western Hills, Catholic High School, Arkansas Governor’s Mansion and others places) and there has been in increase in urban bee hives. Becoming a Bee City USA will help foster further growth toward more sustainability and population growth of pollinators.</p> |  |