

Legislative and Economic Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 21, 2021 5:00 PM
Crete City Hall
243 E 13th Street
Crete, NE 68333

1. Open Meeting

- In accordance with Nebraska law, a copy of the Open Meetings Act can be found in the back of the Council Chambers.
- Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order.

2. Roll Call

- Attendance of members will be recorded to determine the presence of a quorum for official actions.

3. Items of Business

- The Committee may discuss or limit discussion on, hear testimony in favor of or in opposition to, or take action to provide a recommendation to the City Council on any matter presented under this title.
- 3.A. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on approving a revised election ward boundary map based on the 2020 census data.
- 3.B. Provide a recommendation to the City Council on authorizing the Library Director to apply for a \$1,000 grant for ecological education programs.
- 3.C. Discuss pursuing sister city opportunities.

4. Officers' Reports

- Reports may be given by the Mayor, Officers, Departments, or Councilmembers concerning the current operations of the City.
- No action can be taken on matters presented under this title except to answer any questions or to refer the matter for further action.

5. Adjournment

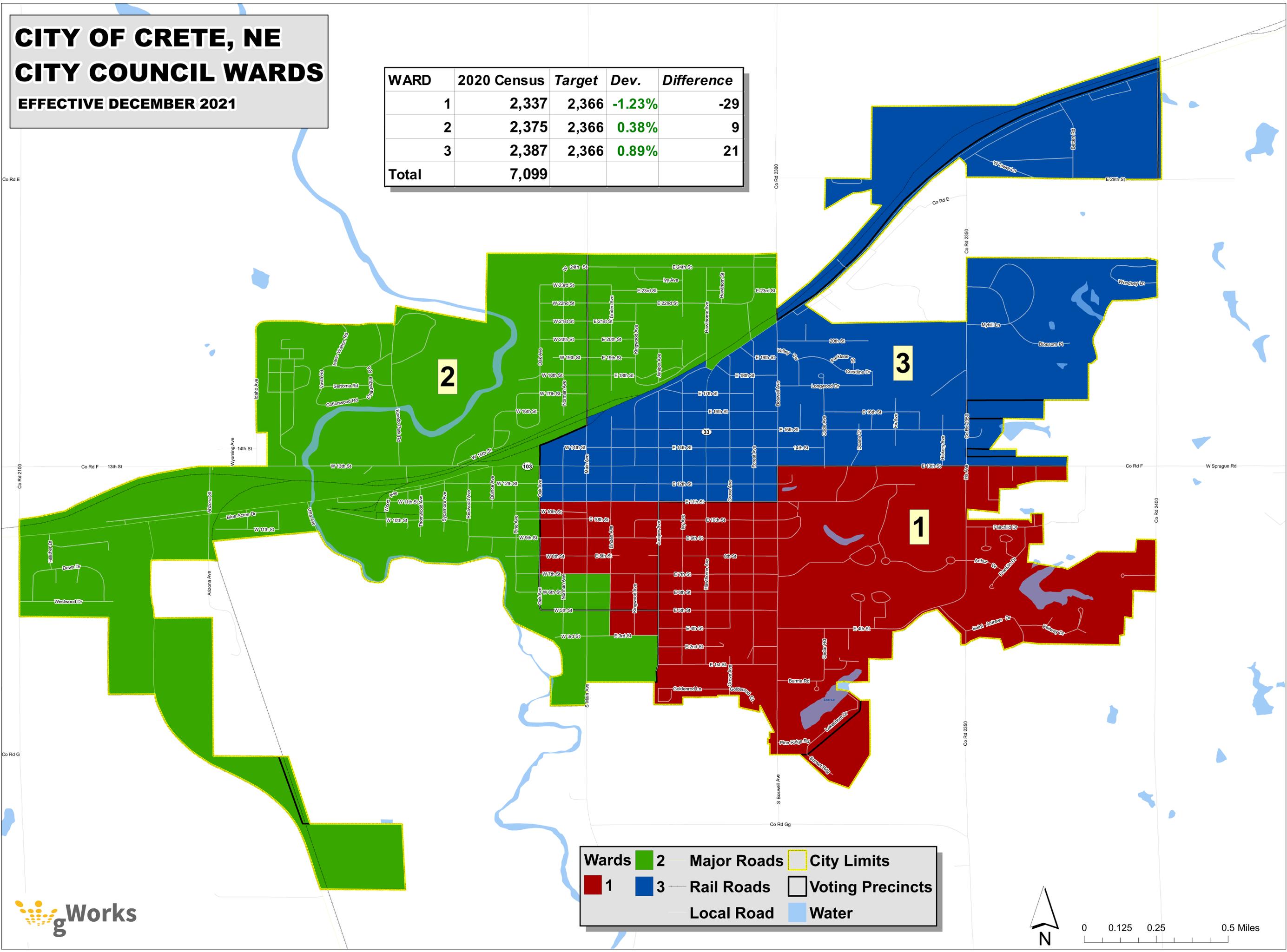
Disclaimers & Notices

- The Council may enter into closed session to discuss any matter on this agenda when it is determined that a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual (if such individual has not requested a public meeting) or as otherwise allowed by law. Any closed session shall be limited to the subject matter for which the closed session was called. If the motion to close passes, then immediately prior to the closed session the Mayor shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session.
- The City of Crete assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability, handicap or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the City receiving Federal financial assistance. To report discrimination, contact the City Clerk's office.
- The complete agenda with attachments is available at www.crete.ne.gov.

CITY OF CRETE, NE CITY COUNCIL WARDS

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2021

WARD	2020 Census	Target	Dev.	Difference
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2	2,375	2,366	0.38%	9
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Total	7,099			



Wards ■ 2 ■ 1 ■ 3
 Major Roads City Limits
 Rail Roads Voting Precincts
 Local Road Water

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WARD	Total Population	White	% White	Black	% Black	Hispanic	% Hispanic	Native	% Native	Asian
1	2,337	1,258	53.83%	47	2.01%	843	36.07%	46	1.97%	101
2	2,375	733	30.86%	11	0.46%	1,530	64.42%	80	3.37%	54
3	2,387	1,074	44.99%	32	1.34%	1,102	46.17%	47	1.97%	78

% Asian	Hawaiian	% Hawaiian	Other	% Other	Total Minority	% Minority
4.32%	10	0.43%	487	20.84%	1,079	46.17%
2.27%	1	0.04%	922	38.82%	1,642	69.14%
3.27%	34	1.42%	602	25.22%	1,313	55.01%

WARD	Total Voting Age Population	VA White	% VA White	VA Black	% VA Black	VA Hispanic
1	1,710	999	58.42%	36	2.11%	524
2	1,577	591	37.48%	8	0.51%	911
3	1,697	905	53.33%	27	1.59%	661

<i>VA Percent Hispanic</i>	<i>VA Native</i>	<i>% VA Native</i>	<i>VA Asian</i>	<i>% VA Asian</i>	<i>VA Hawaiian</i>	<i>% VA Hawaiian</i>
30.64%	25	1.46%	88	5.15%	6	0.35%
57.77%	52	3.30%	40	2.54%	-	0.00%
38.95%	33	1.94%	59	3.48%	12	0.71%

VA Other	% VA Other	VA Minority	% VA Minority
312	18.25%	711	41.58%
557	35.32%	986	62.52%
354	20.86%	792	46.67%



AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

City Council Meeting

Date Submitted: 12/07/2021

DATE: 12/21/2021 **SUBMITTED BY:** Joy Stevenson, Library Director

ITEM: Consider authorizing the Library Director to apply for a \$1,000 grant for ecological education programs.

SUMMARY: Project Overview

Garden ecology, pollinator biodiversity, and the role of native plant species are at the center of a blossoming nationwide initiative to support ecosystem health from the ground up. Pollinators, like native wild bees are essential players in the success and health of local ecosystems – but are far too often ignored (or feared!) Instead, they should be celebrated and supported as exceptional, hard-working species crucial to a thriving natural world.

To that end, and in celebration of the new documentary, My Garden of a Thousand Bees, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios and PBS Nature are launching #PlantWildflowers, a nationwide education and action initiative to highlight pollinator diversity and spark local efforts to support wild pollinators. The effort is being undertaken in association with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Air Wick® Scented Oils, whose One Square Foot initiative aims to replant one billion square feet of grasslands in the Northern Great Plains, and to get people all over the country to plant their own one square foot of native wildflowers.

Across the US and Canada, we're inviting libraries to join us and host localized pollinator celebration events that will build community collaborations, highlight the crucial role bees and other pollinators play, and give members the opportunity to support local pollinators by planting native wildflowers. To help cover the costs, selected libraries will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, regionalized pollinator-friendly wildflower seed packets for distribution, and a variety of informal and formal pollinator-focused educational activity tools.

Participating libraries will be asked to host at least two events during the Spring and Summer of 2022, each with a focus on engaging family audiences, or other constituents that are important to your library. We suggest events like planting wildflower gardens, hosting community BioBlitzes using tools from our partners at iNaturalist and Seek, presentations from local nature centers or entomologists, or screenings of the acclaimed PBS Nature documentary My Garden of a Thousand Bees – a captivating film that will completely change the way you look at bees--and backyards and community gardens--wherever you are.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Council is requested to make a motion authorizing the Library Director to apply for the \$1,000 grant.

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into between Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant") and the City of Crete, Nebraska (hereinafter referred to as "Crete").

WHEREAS, the City of Crete seeks to engage the services of Consultant to assist Crete on projects as set out in the **Scope of Services** below; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant agrees to provide services to Crete under the terms set of this agreement.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES as follows:

Section 1: Scope of Services. Crete desires to engage the Consultant to assist Crete in the pursuit of a Sister Cities partnership with a foreign city to be determined at a later date. Towards this goal, Consultant shall provide the following services to Crete:

- ❖ To assist in the development and guidance of a committee of Crete elected and appointed officials and community volunteers with the identification of a foreign city that would be an appropriate Sister City partner with Crete;
- ❖ To facilitate meetings involving the committee of Crete elected and appointed officials and community volunteers established for the purpose of pursuing a Sister Cities partnership with a foreign city yet to be determined;
- ❖ To assist the Crete Sister Cities committee in the preparation of an application for a Sister City partnership;
- ❖ To assist the Crete Sister Cities committee in the promotion of efforts focused on the development of a Sister City partnership involving the City of Crete;
- ❖ To facilitate meetings with the Crete Sister Cities committee to be held for the purpose of developing programs, projects, and exchanges appropriate for a Sister Cities partnership; and
- ❖ To help prepare Crete and the Crete Sister Cities committee to sustain the Sister Cities partnership long into the future.

Section 2: Term. The term of this agreement shall begin on January 1, 2022 and continue up to and through December 31, 2023, or one week after a formal Sister Cities agreement is executed between Crete and the city to be determined at a later date, whichever shall first occur.

Section 3: Compensation. The parties agree that the Consultant will receive compensation at the rate of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per hour, commencing on January 1, 2022, up to a maximum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for up to (200) billable hours of service per year, until completion of services under the terms of this agreement.

Consultant shall deliver to Crete a statement for services performed by Consultant on behalf of Crete, and any expenses incurred under Section 4, below, on a semi-annual basis throughout the term of this agreement. Upon receipt of said statement, Crete shall promptly remit payment for such hours of work performed at the rate set out above and expenses incurred during the term of this agreement.

Section 10: Binding Effect. This Consultant Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Crete and Consultant.

Section 11: Execution in Counterparts. This Consultant Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 12: Governing Law and Regulations. This Consultant Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2021.

City of Crete,

Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services, LLC

Dave Bauer – Mayor

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