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KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Minutes of May 24, 2011

Members Present: Roger Vonder Bruegge, David Slane, Michelle Storgion, Priscilla Ward, Dave Endres.

Council Liaison: Art McDonnell (Present)

Staff Liaison: Georgia Ragland (Present)

Excused: None

Absent/Unaccounted for: Alan Hautly, Susan Renard

Guest: No guests today.

- I. Call To Order: the meeting was called to order at 7:02pm
- II. Citizen Comments: Art McDonnell mentioned his support for the JTK Program with the Schools and mentioned for the folks to look for the little trees from the 50/50 Program. He is very proud of the way the JTK Program went this year. Roger updated us on possible changes in the ARB and stated that any changes are not final yet and he will keep us updated at future meetings.
- III. Secretary Report: David Slane explained that he misplaced the Minutes from the last meeting so these were not available at this meeting for approval. Slane stated that he would have them at the next meeting and approve both at that meeting.
- IV. Chair Report: Nothing to report.
- V. Council Liaison Report: See above in Citizen Comments for Art's report.
- VI. Guest Introduction: No guest to report.
- VII. Commission Items: None
- VIII. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Tree Keepers Program: Michelle reported that we had the graduations at both St. Gerards and St. Peters Schools and that it went really well. Georgia said that our balance is \$915.15 after all expenses and that \$26.85 was spent on paper on 4/1/11. Michelle submitted a receipt for \$9.44 for expenses. Priscilla mentioned a new tree program at the Botanical Garden for K to 8th Grades. Michelle mentioned that some of the Treekeeper teachers are leaving and she will make an effort to find more Teachers for next year.
 - b. Education and Outreach: Michelle mentioned a possible project to help replace some of the trees lost at St. Gerard School due to recent construction. Dave Endres mentioned what he thought was a dangerous intersection (Clay and Wilson) where a Rose Bush...Georgia took down the information and stated that she would contact Kathy Hawkens with Code Enforcement to see what could be done.
 - c. Planning and Zoning Outreach: No report
 - d. Tree keeper / Inventory: No report

- e. Tree City USA: Roger and Slane attended the Tree City USA Awards Lunch on April 29th and stated that it was a good event.
- f. KUFC Annual Report: No report
- g. Event Participation: Michelle stated that she signed the KUFC up for a Float in this Falls Kirkwood GreenTree Parade. A discussion was started on whether or not we should have a Float due to the expense and work involved. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting and we hope to make a decision regarding this matter.

OLD BUSINESS: removed the following from old Business... Proposal by Endres for a Public Tree Planting process, Tree City USA Awards, Letter sent to Kevin and Amy O'Brien and Gregory and Jill Starrs ref. Difani tree removal request., Park Board request for tree planting help... weather postponed planting.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Ruppert's suggestion at the last meeting to replace both big trees in front of City Hall was discussed. Roger referred this to Dave E. for expert advice. We discussed what type of tree and that we did not necessarily agree with the choice of tree by Bill. We all agreed that the trees need to be replaced but we need to "flesh out" the details of how to get this all done. Georgia stated that this needs to be presented to City Council for discussion with details and costs etc. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Dave Endres discussed the taking down of two more trees on Argonne Drive... and he asked who had the authority to remove these trees. He stated that the sugar maple was dead and the Bradford Pear was ok. Roger will look into this for next meeting.

50/50 program discussed by Dave and he stated that these are great programs and Dave stated he heard that some of the trees were dying and that he got a map of the trees that died and went to look at them and did not find two of the 65. He described problems that caused the deaths. Out of 65 trees planted... 61 were still doing very well. He was unable to locate two of the trees. The tree in front of 317N Woodlawn had died due to being planted 4 inches too deep. The Burr Oak in front of Mudds Grove was stressed and he pruned it, One tree on Orchard Lane appears to have suffered from "deer damage". He thought that we should contact Kathy and Nancy to tell them how well. Georgia will email Kathy Paulsen or Nancy to tell her how much we appreciate what they have done.

NEXT MEETING:6/28/11

ADJOURN: 7:51pm