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## KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION - MINUTES November 24, 2009

**Members present:** Roger Vonder Bruegge (Chair), Dave Endres (VP), Priscilla Ward, Alan Hautly, and Maggie Duwe (Secr)

**Council Liaison:** Joe Godi

**City Liaison:** Georgia Ragland (excused)

**Excused:** Susan Renard and Michelle Storgion

**Guests:** Derek Byers and Richard Watson and his mother from Troop 360 at N. Glendale.

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. Citizen Comments:** Richard and his mom are here to earn a Merit Badge.

**III. Secretary Report:** The minutes of the October 27, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.

**III. Chair Report:**

**Vonder Bruegge to Derek Byers (citizen):** Would you like to speak now, so you can leave if you want?

**Derek Byers:** I live at 428 Essex and I would like to cut down an elm tree. It is a public tree and not in good shape. I will replace it with two healthy trees, probably maples.

**Duwe:** You can also check in the Tree Manual.

**Endres:** Take the Green Ash out of the Manual though.

The motion was approved 5-0.

**Vonder Bruegge:** You will need to check with the City about closing the street when you have it cut down.

**V. Council Liaison Report:**

**Godi:** I'm still trying to get the Tree Survey going.

**Vonder Bruegge:** I went to Bill's (Ruppert) to get Davey's Proposal and all the paperwork. I'll read through this and get together with the preparer. We will meet after that.

**VI. Activity Reports:**

- **Jr. Treekeepers:**

**Ward:** I got some correspondence from the 25 Garden Club and there is a check for \$150.00 for us. They will send it to Michelle. This is money for a last year that they overlooked. They will still donate a \$1000.00 for the Arbor Day trees. We also discussed the book *What Tree is This*. I also was given \$40.00 for a talk I gave and hopefully this will allow us to get some copies of this book. It's a really good book.

**Vonder Bruegge:** I would rather this check and all checks came to KUFC first. Then we know how much comes in and we can write Thank You notes and tell them what the money was used for.

- **Education and Outreach:**

**Endres:** There are new Christmas lights on the trees on Argonne. They did not take off the old ones.

- **Planning and Zoning:**

**Vonder Bruegge:** Nothing new from ARB (Architectural Review Board). The BOA (Board of Adjustment) spoke against the Tiffany variance.

**Duwe:** The Council will be discussing and voting on the proposal during their December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> meetings.

- **Kirkwood Treekeepers/Public Tree Inventory:**

No report

- **Tree USA -Recertification due 12/31/2009**

**Duwe:** I received the information needed from Parks and Todd. Still nothing from Mark Petty. I will email him again. And then if I don't have it by Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> will visit his office.

- **MDC Missouri Arbor Day Award of Excellence-Due 12/01/2009**

- **Advocate Award-due 03/15/2009**

- **Annual Report-due 01/2010-**

**Duwe:** I would like to finish this no later than January this year.

- **Tree Code**

**Vonder Bruegge:** The subcommittee worked through 8 pages of 14. We will meet after our meeting tonight to hopefully review the rest.

- **Event Participation: Greentree Festival/Food and Flowers**

No report

**VII Old Business:**

**Vonder Bruegge:** On November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00am we planted a River Birch in Greentree Park for Arbor Day and to qualify for TreeCity USA.

**VIII. New Business**

None

**IX. Adjourn the meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is January 26, 2010 at 7:00pm

There will not be a meeting in December

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Duwe, Secretary