



## KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

September 23, 2014

**PRESENT:** David Slane, Priscilla Ward, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Ellen Edman, Carol Rush, Michelle Storgion, Georgia Ragland, Nancy Luetzow, Mayor Art McDonnell

**ABSENT:**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by David Slane
- II. Citizen Comments: Nancy Luetzow requested to make a citizen comment. She stated that the 50-Tree booth at the Greentree festival was a big success. A lot of brochures were handed out and they talked to a lot of interested people. The earnings will cover most of the expenses.
- III. Secretary Report: Minutes from the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented for review and approval. Motion was made to approve as written. Seconded. All in favor.
- IV. Chair Report: Dave reported that we had received that TRIM grant and he and Georgia explained how the grant will be appropriated and handled from here on out. Dave is estimating that the work needed to be done will take about 4 years and the work will be put out for bids.
- V. Guest Introduction: Art McDonnell wanted to make a guest comment. He had just left the Art commission meeting and wanted to let the Forestry Commission know that there may be a good idea for the upcoming earth day next year. More information will be forthcoming.
- VI. Council Liaison Report: Nancy Luetzow reported that an invitation had gone out for an appreciation reception for all city commission and board members, she urged all to attend. She also talked about the city tree planting program and wanted to know if we could help. Dave explained the program for some new commission members and relayed that Tony of the Street Dept. will be planting in the spring and fall. Georgia shared a map that contained trees and locations of planting. Also included was a listing of trees taken out this year. Priscilla asked Georgia to ask Tony if it would be possible to include a reason for taking a tree down and also a date when a tree was planted.
- VII. ACTIVITY REPORTS
  - a. Junior Tree Keepers Program: Priscilla and Michelle reported that classes would be starting this week at all the participating schools. Training took place and was very productive with the new volunteers. Materials are ready for assembly. Michelle gave Georgia some money that was donated at the Greentree booth. There should be about 200 students in the program this year.

- b. Education and Outreach: Joe reported that the Greentree booth was a big success. There was a lot of participation. The Sugarberry trees were slow to peddle but they did give away about half of the trees available. \$44.75 were collected in donations for the Jr. Treekeeper program. It was also reported again that on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> the KUFC will be involved in a tree clinic at the Kirkwood Farmer's Market. There will be guest speakers and pruning demonstrations.
- c. Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Awards:
  - i. Tree city USA (Growth award if applicable) due 12/31/14, is on track
  - ii. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence – Due 12/01/14, discussion took place on possible topic.
  - iii. KUFC Advocate Award – due 3-15-15, one nomination was received for this award.
- d. KUFC Annual Report: no report
- e. Event Participation: reported earlier
- f. City Hall Enhancement Committee: In progress.
- g. Fifty Trees update: Nancy updated the commission reporting that planting will take place on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. A request by the building commissioner was made to the commission to reconsider a motion that did not pass at the last meeting.  
 The motion was to give approval to remove 1 tree in the right of way at 238 W. Woodbine. The motion was seconded. The motion did not pass with a vote of 1 to 4, with 1 abstained.  
 After discussion and some new information another motion was made and voted on. 6 yea, 1 no. The motion passed and permission was granted to remove the tree.

**NEW BUSINESS:** no new business

**NEXT MEETING:** October 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

**ADJOURN:** 8:24 pm

David Slane, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Priscilla Ward, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 10/28/14 \_\_\_\_\_