



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

March 25, 2014

PRESENT: David Slane, Priscilla Ward, Michelle Storgion, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Georgia Ragland, Mayor Art McDonnell

ABSENT:

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on March 25th, at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by David Slane
- II. Citizen Comments: no comments
- III. Secretary Report: Due to Secretary's absence at the last meeting the minutes from the February 25th meeting were not available for review and approval but will be available at the next meeting.
- IV. Chair Report: Dave indicated that the new business portion of the meeting would be covered at this time.
- V. Guest Introduction: Dave introduced Tony Bonastia from the Kirkwood Street Dept. Tony indicated that the last two trees from the purchases made in the fall had been planted. He was requesting some help with choosing the proper trees from a list of available trees for purchase at a special price early this spring. Tony also indicated that Jost greenhouse is wanting the city to choose the trees to be planted for the city to purchase in fall of 2016. Tony wanted to meet with the commission to help decide on the proper trees for this order. The commission suggested some of the better oaks on the list for the early spring purchasing. Tony will work with Dave Slane on some good street tree recommendations for the order for 2016.
- VI. Council Liaison Report: Mayor Art McDonnell indicated that the candidates for City manager are narrowing down. The candidates can be met at the April 4th meeting and with a vote to accept on 4/17. Georgia Ragland will be filling in the vacancy of city manager until the new city manager is available. The city budget has been passed for the year. The mayor also mentioned that the City Hall enhancement final plans are going out for bids and should be available soon. He also mentioned that strategic planning for the Community Center Project is moving along.
- VII. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Tree Keepers Program: Michelle reported that all classes at Keysor, St. Peter's and St. Gerard's are going well. Michelle presented a check for \$700.00 to Georgia, a donation from the 25 Gardeners Club. Michelle also had a bill for \$67.05 for supplies for Junior Treekeepers. The graduation ceremonies have been set for May 1st at 1:30 for St. Peters, May 8th at 9:00 am for Keysor and a date was pending for St. Gerard. Dave Slane has agreed to do his arborist class

for Keysor on April 11th at 10:30 am under the oak tree in the front of the school. Everyone is welcome to come watch. Priscilla is ordering 200 seedlings from the Missouri Dept. of Conservation for the service project for the junior treekeepers program. 200 certificates have also been ordered for the graduation programs

- b. Education and Outreach: Joe indicated that he is working on the Earth Day program in April.
- c. Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Awards:
 - i. Tree city USA (Growth award if applicable) 12-31-13. - The banquet luncheon for the Tree City USA award will be held at the The Lodge in Des Peres. Dave Slane will make himself available to attend and represent the City and the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission to accept the award which is submitted for renewal by the Urban Forestry Commission every year.
 - ii. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence – Due 12/01/13 - Winners were announced.
 - iii. KUFC Advocate Award – due 3-15-14 - Discussion took place for the 2013 Missouri Advocate award and possible candidates. One was decided upon and will be notified by letter.
- d. KUFC Annual Report: Priscilla reported that the annual report is still being compiled
- e. Event Participation: reported earlier
- f. City Hall Enhancement Committee: The mayor indicated in his earlier report that the City Hall enhancement final plans are going out for bids and should be available soon.
- g. Fifty Trees update: Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Street Tree Inventory: Kevin Campe has been working on the final stages of the tree inventory program and will be working with the commission when the final version becomes available to test it out. Dave Slane indicated that he would be interested in a trial run.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 925 Evans tree removal request by Rothmark Homes
Mark Mills presented to the commission pictures and plans for new construction to take place at 925 Evans. He requested permission to remove 3 large spruce trees that are in the right of way and next to power lines on the property. Discussion took place. The commission thanked Mr. Mills for attending the meeting and would contact him with the commission's decision.
Later in the meeting, Michelle Storgion made a motion to give approval for Mark Mills of Rothmark to remove the 3 trees in the right of way at 925 Evans. Andy Baldrige seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 2.

NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

ADJOURN: 8:04 pm

David Slane, Chair _____

Priscilla Ward, Secretary _____

Date Approved _____