



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

June 24, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on June 24th, at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by David Slane
- II. Citizen Comments: no comments
- III. Secretary Report: Minutes from the May meeting were presented for review and approval. The minutes were accepted, seconded and approved.
- IV. Chair Report: no report
- V. Guest Introduction: Dave introduced and welcomed Carol Rush and Ellen Edman, the 2 new members to the commission. Mayor Art McDonnell thanked them for serving. Also introduced was the new council liaison for the commission, Council Member Nancy Luetzow. She will be replacing Mayor Art McDonnell as the liaison.
- VI. Council Liaison Report: Nancy thanked the commission for their work over the past few years and hopes to help the commission in its endeavors. She indicated that the commission is very important to her with its response to the 50 Tree program that she is very involved in and in other upcoming council activities.
- VII. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Tree Keepers Program: Michelle reported that she is still reaching out to some of the other schools in Kirkwood and will be putting together some training information for new instructors. Dave asked if there was a proclamation for the Jr. Treekeeper's Arbor Day event and it was determined that there should be a tree planting and proclamation of recognition possibly at Greentree. Mayor Art McDonnell asked if he could call on some of the grade school principals to promote the program. Michelle and Priscilla both indicated that would be wonderful if he could help get more schools involved.
 - b. Education and Outreach: Joe reported that he is working with Michelle on the booth for Greentree and has filled out the application for the booth. He questioned the commission on some of the information needed to complete some forms, worker schedules, set up. Dave commented on a program with the parks dept. and wanted to know if someone would communicate with Murray on this program for the festival. Priscilla said she would coordinate.
 - c. Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Award Submittals:

- i. Tree city USA Recertification 2014 (Growth award if applicable) 12-31-14
 - ii. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence – Due 12/01/14 no report
 - iii. KUFC Advocate Award – due 3-15-15 – no report
- d. KUFC Annual Report: Priscilla reported that the annual report is still being compiled.
- e. Event Participation: Greentree - covered in b.
- f. City Hall Enhancement Committee: Mayor reported that the numbers all came in under budget and that several alternates will be included in the project. Mayor shared color photos of the new plans and asked what color the door should be? Commission gave various responses.
- g. Fifty Trees update: Dave reported that a group tagged trees on June 11th for the planting this fall. He explained that the program has decided to expand the planting zone to include a space up to 20 feet from the curb and that some of the trees will actually fall onto private property. This will help when trying to plant where power lines are involved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Street Tree Inventory: Dave reported that he is still nibbling away at the downtown district and indicated that the Trim Grant application has been sent off by Davey Tree. Dave explained, the grant when approved has to be put out for bid. He thought the decision should be made by the end of July.
- b. 311 Woodlawn: A motion was made to let Craig Belsha remove a street tree that the commission discussed at the May meeting. Motion seconded. Discussion. Passed, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Short discussion took place about city trees. It was based on a work session that the city council had earlier in the month where Russ Hawes discussed the city trees.

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

ADJOURN: 7:54 pm

David Slane, Chair

Priscilla Ward, Secretary

Date Approved