



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

July 22, 2014

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

ABSENT: Joe Day

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on July 22nd, 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 June 24th meeting were presented. Michelle and Andy made the motion to approve the minutes. All were in favor.
- IV. Chair Report: no report
- V. Guest Introduction:
- VI. Council Liaison Report: Nancy reported on a City Council public hearing that took place last week. She noted that a mention was made by a couple of people that they desired a tree protection ordinance. Nancy suggested that perhaps a subcommittee could look into this issue. A motion was made by Andy and seconded. Agreeing to serve on the committee were Andy, Ellen, Michelle and Dave.
- VII. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Tree Keepers Program: Michelle and Priscilla reported since it's summer not much is going on with the teaching portion of the program. They reported that there may be some more schools involved and we may need more teachers. There would be a need for teachers collecting and pressing enough leaf sets for classes if more schools agree.
 - b. Education and Outreach: Priscilla reported that she had contacted both Murray Pounds and Pete Laufersweiler concerning the Greentree KUFC booth set up and the sugarberry seedlings. Pete indicated that the parks dept. is taking care of the seedlings right now and will transport the seedlings to the booth for the KUFC booth workers to help with the distribution to citizens that want to plant. Priscilla thought the commission should come up with some sort of requirement to receive a tree. A donation to the Jr. Treekeepers program was mentioned as a possibility.
 - 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: Dave reported that he had completed the annual report.
- e. Event Participation: Greentree - covered in b.
- f. City Hall Enhancement Committee: Mayor reported that the project has been started.
- g. Fifty Trees update: Dave reported that the planting will take place on Nov. 1st this year and that Dave and Bill Ruppert have been on patrol pruning the 2 and 3 year plantings. Watering will be an issue coming into late summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Street Tree Inventory: Dave reported that he is working on the business district and gave the coordinates of the area for all to visualize. Dave also indicated that he had been in touch with Davey Tree and noted that a decision should be released on the Trim Grant by mid August.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Georgia passed out a copy of an email she received from Tony Bonastia that he wanted to share with the commission members. Tony gave an overview of the street departments tree operations. So far this year, 66 trees were removed, 23 planted in spring, 16 locations for fall planting and 30 total available. He also stated that many black gum trees were lost due to a central leader burn out. 16 Ash trees were removed last year, 7 this year and 9 more scheduled this year. Any ash tree with 25% or more deadwood will be scheduled for removal.

NEXT MEETING: August 26th, 2014 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Level Conference Room

ADJOURN: 7:50 pm

David Slane, Chair

Priscilla Ward, Secretary

Date Approved