



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

August 26, 2014

PRESENT: David Slane, Priscilla Ward, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Ellen Edman, Carol Rush, Russ Hawes,

ABSENT: Georgia Ragland, Michelle Storgion,

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on August 26th, at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by David Slane
- II. Citizen Comments: no comments
- III. Secretary Report: Minutes from the July 22nd meeting were presented for review and approval. Joe made motion to approve as written. Andy seconded. All were in favor.
- IV. Chair Report: Dave indicated that the new business portion of the meeting would be covered at this time. Dave also reported that this year's Arbor Day tree will be planted at the Greentree Festival in the park. Murray will provide the tree and Dave will contact for details.
- V. Guest Introduction: Dave indicated that there was a request from John Suelthaus of Cambridge Homes to remove a tree from the ROW at 238 W. Woodbine. Discussion took place and Dave relayed to John that the commission would discuss further and vote at the end of the meeting. He would be contacted with the decision of the commission.
- VI. Council Liaison Report: no report
- VII. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Tree Keepers Program: Priscilla reported that she and Michelle met on Sunday and discussed the program for the year. A meeting for training and orientation for new and present teachers will take place on September 9th. Classes should start around the 1st of October.
 - b. Education and Outreach: Joe reported that he is all set for the Greentree Booth. Booth #7 was assigned to KUFC. Set up will be on Friday and a schedule for volunteering in the booth will come out via email. Mark Gruber, the MDC Forester and Kirkwood resident, told Joe that he would try to be available for both Sat. and Sun. all day. Dave reported that he will have a float in the parade for the KUFC and celebrating Tree City USA. The theme of the float is Stayin' Alive. It was also reported that on Oct. 18th 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) 12/31/14
 - ii. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence – Due 12/01/14
 - iii. KUFC Advocate Award – due 3-15-15

- d. KUFC Annual Report: no report
- e. Event Participation: reported earlier
- f. City Hall Enhancement Committee: Russ reported on the progress of the construction. The hardscape is due to be completed by Nov. 30th. The plantings will take place in early spring. A number of trees were taken down.
- g. Fifty Trees update: Nancy updated the commission reporting that 30 sites have been identified and there are 35 left for placement. Planting will take place on Nov. 1st. There will also be a booth at Greentree to support the program.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A motion was made to give approval to remove the 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 abstaining.
- b. It was brought to the attention of the chairman of the KUFC by concerned citizens living next to a house being torn down at 843 Glendower that many trees on this lot are very old Red Oaks. The neighbors of this property are worried that the trees might be taken down. It was asked that the members of the commission take a look at this situation.

NEXT MEETING: September 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

ADJOURN: 8:11 pm

David Slane, Chair _____

Priscilla Ward, Secretary _____

Date Approved _____