



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

January 27, 2015

PRESENT: David Slane, Priscilla Ward, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Ellen Edman, Carol Rush, Michelle Storgion and Georgia Ragland

ABSENT:

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on January 27th, at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by David Slane.
- II. Citizen Comments: Bill Ruppert was introduced and came to talk about the Downtown Business Area and it's trees. He referenced a 2013 power-point and presented the commission with documents entitled Urban Forest Strategic Analysis from his previous presentation. Bill presented the commission members with a flyer entitled Under the Canopy, Creating Personal Green Space; A Guide to Selecting, Planting and Caring for Trees in Illinois. This was a publication from a community in Northern Illinois; he praised it's quality. He also passed out a document, timeline history, with reviews of certain agenda items from the commission from the last year, this was taken from the minutes on the KUFC website.
Bill said he had met with representatives from the Downtown Business District and others yesterday. He will have a conference with some of them in the near future, as they feel frustrated. Dave responded to Bill's comments stating that he is very proud of the accomplishments of the commission this past year and stated he will work to see that any issues in the Downtown Business area are addressed.
- III. Secretary Report: Minutes from the November 27th meeting were presented for review and approval. Motion made. Seconded. All in favor.
- IV. Chair Report: none
- V. Guest Introduction: see citizen comments
- VI. Council Liaison Report: no report
- VII. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Tree Keepers Program: Michelle reported that some donations have been promised this spring and will be presented to Georgia when they are received. A discussion took place on the donations and where there might be opportunities for more small donations to help the program grow into more schools.
 - b. Education and Outreach: no report
 - c. Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Awards:

- i. Tree city USA (Growth award if applicable) 12/31/14 – Georgia filled out the application in Dec. and mailed it in mid Dec. Dave indicated he would call the state forester and see if all the information needed was received. Dave would like to put the year signs on the Tree City signs when they come in. Joe indicated that he would like to have a procedure in place to see that this happens every year.
- ii. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence – Ellen indicated that she had sent in the award nomination with modifications . She passed around a copy of the information submitted for anyone interested.
- iii. KUFC Advocate Award – due 3-15-15 – Michelle made a motion to award a citizen that was nominated earlier. Joe seconded. Motion passed.
- d. KUFC Annual Report: Priscilla and Dave will work on the annual report.
- e. Event Participation: no report
- f. City Hall Enhancement Committee: no report. Will be taken off the agenda.
- g. Fifty Trees update: no update
- h. Tree Inventory Update: Earlier in the meeting Georgia asked Dave to identify where he had taken inventory in the business district so they could begin to lay out the next strp for inventory sites.
Georgia passed out a Tree Inventory Report dated January 12, 2015 (typo on date noted) and a City of Kirkwood-Tree Condition Map by Arbor Pro started on December 20, 2014. Inventory of 2,092 trees were identified on the survey. Discussion took place on the map and the inventory.
- i. Tree Ordinance Meeting: Andy attended a meeting with Russ Hawes on the 30th to discuss the tree ordinance. Andy indicated that Russ would work with us on a Tree Ordinance and getting someone to write it. Dave indicated that he wants to move forward with this project and Andy will set a date to meet.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion took place about a spring tree event at the Library with a classroom event. There is communication with the library board at this point in time. Noting that it is to fall on Easter weekend may effect participation, Dave may revisit at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: February 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

ADJOURN: 8:32pm

David Slane, Chair _____

Priscilla Ward, Secretary _____

Date Approved _____