



## KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

April 29, 2015

**PRESENT:** David Slane, Priscilla Ward, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Ellen Edman, Carol Rush, Michelle Storgion and Georgia Ragland, city staff liaison, Nancy Luetzow, city council liaison.

**ABSENT:**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on April 29th, at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by David Slane.
- II. Secretary Report: Minutes from the March 31st meeting were presented for review and approval.  
Approved
- III. Citizen Comments: none
- IV. Guest Introduction: none
- V. Council Liaison Report: none
- VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS
  - a. Junior Treekeepers Program: Reported that the Jr. Tree keepers Graduations are set for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:45 at St. Peter's, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2:15 at St. Gerard's and May 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 at Keysor. Priscilla has ordered and is working on the certificates. Thanked Dave for the arborist climb at Keysor.
  - b. Education and Outreach: Ellen reported that she had met with Public Information Officer Beth von Behren about how we can be more visible in tree education to the citizens. The October utility insert has been reserved for educational tree information. Four other methods of communication were presented by Ellen and Dave for the commission's review and discussion. An e-newsletter, Facebook page, webpage and more flyers with ask the arborist. Discussion took place.  
Ellen made a motion that there be a subcommittee put in place to plan the newsletter that Ellen will chair. Seconded by Andy. Approved.  
More discussion took place on the content of the newsletter and it was stated to possibly go out in October.
  - c. Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Awards:
    - i. Tree city, USA. Recertification 2015 (Growth award if applicable) Due 12/31/15
    - ii. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence Due 12/01/15
    - iii. KUFC Advocate Award – due 3-15-15. Awarded. Presentation will be at St. Peter's on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d. KUFC Annual Report: presented to Council

- e. Event Participation: Reported that the Earth Day Celebration had a low turnout but was nice. Bill Ruppert had the Monarch Program in place.
- f. Fifty Trees update: There will be a meeting on Monday and the date has been set for planting. It will be October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- g. Tree Inventory Update: Discussion took place on the Red Maples and Sugar Maples as street trees. Dave reported that in reviewing planting from 50 Trees and the city, he wants to remove these trees from the recommended street tree listings. Dave made motion to remove Red Maples and Sugar Maples from the Kirkwood Street Tree Guidelines publications. Priscilla seconded. Discussion took place on how city street trees are ordered. Georgia commented on the inventory now on the website and will check on the GIS layer. She requested that the commission members do a sampling of inventory and check results for accuracy. Discussion took place on valuation of trees.
- h. Tree Ordinance Subcommittee Report: Andy reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Ryan Spencer in 2 weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reported earlier.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm

David Slane, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Priscilla Ward, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_