



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

May 26, 2015

PRESENT: David Slane, Ellen Edman, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Carol Rush, Michelle Storgion and Georgia Ragland, city staff liaison.

ABSENT: Priscilla Ward, Nancy Luetzow (council liaison)

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

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by David Slane.
- II. Secretary Report: Minutes from the April 29th meeting were unavailable.
- III. Citizen Comments: Bill Ruppert thanked Nancy Luetzow for making the CAO aware of a tree issue on N. Clay and the CAO's response. Also present were Linda Holekamp and Matthew Stacker.
- IV. Guest Introduction: Tim Clegg made a request to remove Bradford Pear trees in the ROW at 615 W. Jewel where he is constructing a new home where he will reside. Due to location of the utilities and driveway, at least two of the trees will need to go. There was discussion about why the large Pin Oak in the front yard had to be removed. He indicated he does plan to plant a new tree in the front and two replacement trees in the ROW. Andy Baldrige made a motion to allow for the removal of the three Bradford Pear trees, Carol Rush seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- V. Council Liaison Report: None.
- VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Treekeepers Program: Michelle reported that graduations have taken place. The teachers were very happy with how everything went. They will be returning to the same schools next year and hope to add at least one other school.
 - b. Education and Outreach: Ellen Edman invited members and residents to attend a subcommittee meeting taking place on June 2nd at 7pm to discuss ideas on what to place on the utility insert.
 - 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/
 - iii. KUFC Advocate Award – due 3-15-15. David Slane, Michelle Storgion and Mayor McDonnell presented the award to Monsignor Jack Costello of St. Peter Church at the last student mass of the year. It went very well.
 - d. KUFC Annual Report: completed, and presented to Council.
 - e. Event Participation: David Slane has signed up and paid the application fee for a float in the Greentree Parade. Joe Day will look into signing up for a booth at Greentree.

- f. Tree Inventory Update: Georgia Ragland reported that drafts of two TRIM grant applications (one for \$10,000 and one for \$25,000) were submitted to Mark Grueber for his review prior to the grant deadline in early June.
- g. Tree Ordinance Subcommittee Report: Andy will work on setting up the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING: June 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm

David Slane, Chair _____

Priscilla Ward, Secretary _____

Date Approved _____