



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

August 25, 2015

PRESENT: David Slane, Ellen Edman, Andy Baldrige, Linda Holekamp, Matthew Stacker, Carol Rush, Joe Day, and Georgia Ragland, city staff liaison..

ABSENT: Nancy Luetzow, council liaison

GUESTS: Priscilla Ward, Sye Vasquez

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on August 25, 2015, 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 July 28, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.
- III. Citizen Comments: Jan Studer presented her request to remove a tree about 6' from driveway. It is a pear tree located under powerlines and already topped. Matthew Stacker made a motion to allow removal. Ellen Edman seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- IV. Guest Introduction: Sye Vasquez, Technical Manager for ArborJet was present and gave a presentation on treatment of Ash trees related to the Emerald Ash Borer. ArborJet is the manufacturer and distributor of an insecticide with an active ingredient of Emamectin benzoate which can be administered via trunk injection to prevent infection by EAB and also to treat trees infected with EAB. A report by universities studying the EAB problem and the efficacy of treatment options is available at www.emeraldashborer.info. The product came to market in 2008 and was marketed as a two year product. Studies since then show it can be effective for three years. Application of the product is by licensed professionals.
- V. Council Liaison Report: None.
- VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Treekeepers Program: Ellen Edman reported that Keysor is implementing two new curricula so 3rd grade teachers voted to wait until next year. The program remains in St. Peter and St. Gerard for this year. Training is planned for more volunteers for next season. A suggestion was made to see if Keysor would be willing to have the program in for this year's fourth graders. David Slane said he would be available to still do a tree climbing demonstration at Keysor even if Junior Treekeepers was not taught there this year.
 - b. Education and Outreach: The utility bill insert is complete. It was noted that commission members had received an invitation from the council to attend the annual board and commission recognition event.

- 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 3-15-16.
- d. KUFC Annual Report: No update.
- e. Event Participation: The booth location is the same as last year. Hours will be 9am-7pm on Saturday and 10am to 5pm on Sunday. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Handouts were discussed and Georgia Ragland will make them available.
- f. Tree Inventory Update: Still awaiting word on the grant.
- g. Tree Ordinance Subcommittee Report: Andy and Dave met with Bill Bensing and Ryan Spencer. Andy will work on setting up a subcommittee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING: September 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm

David Slane, Chair _____

Date Approved _____