



**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
City of Kirkwood
139 S. Kirkwood Road
September 27, 2016**

PRESENT: David Slane, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Carol Rush, Matthew Stacker, Linda Holekamp, Barbara Sandhagen, Cory Meyer, City Forester and Paul Ward (Council Liaison)

ABSENT: Georgia Ragland, Staff Liaison

GUESTS: None

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on September, 27th 2016 at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by David Slane
- II. **Secretary Report:** Minutes from the August 23rd meeting were approved.
- III. **Citizen Comments:** None
- IV. **Guest Introduction:** None
- V. **Council Liaison Report:** Paul Ward briefly discussed the new power line that had to be installed to the Van Buren Power Station. Two ROW trees needed to be removed to gain access for these lines. Cory commented that new trees will be planted to replace lost trees.
- VI. **ACTIVITY REPORTS**
 - a. **Junior Treekeepers Program:** David Slane reported that Michelle Storgion is still helping with program but we need to come up with a firm transition plan to the future years Board Members that will take it over. Linda and Barbara indicated that they will help going forward. David said that he will be meeting with Michelle to gather all the appropriate information on JTK logistics.
 - b. **Education and Outreach:** Cory reported that the utility insert will be going out in the October statement.
 - c. **Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Awards:**
 - i. Tree City USA. Recertification 2016 (Growth award if applicable) Due 12/31/16
 - ii. MDC – Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence Due 12/1/16: nothing to report.
 - iii. KUFC Advocate Award – Due 3/31/17: David Slane nominated Manor Grove and Bill Ruppert nominated Bill Bensing.

- d. **KUFC Annual Report:** Due January 2017: nothing to report.
- e. **Event Participation:** Joe reported that the booth was well staffed and lots of visitors with many questions. Slane reported that the float went well. Some brief discussion regarding setting our booth next to the “50 Trees” booth next year trying to keep all the related booths together.
- f. **Tree Inventory Update:** Cory reported that we have not heard from the MDC yet regarding the TRIM Grant but should hear something next week.
- g. **Tree Ordinance Subcommittee Report:** Cory handed out a draft of the proposed Ordinance. Cory explained the main goals and said that he expects many revisions before the final draft is presented to the Council. Matt agreed to be the “point man” to represent the KUFC when communicating with Cory regarding the entire Boards comments. Matt told everyone to send him their comments and he will compile and get them back to all and Cory.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** Cory reported that the Spruce evergreen at the train station is diseased and dying. The plan is to have it removed sometime this Fall and replaced with a large Norway Spruce.

IX. **NEXT MEETING:** October 25th, 2016 at 7:00pm, City Hall Conference Rm.

X. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 8:29pm

David Slane, Chair _____

Date Approved _____