



## KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

October 25, 2016

**PRESENT:** David Slane, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Carol Rush, Matthew Stacker, Linda Holekamp, Georgia Ragland, staff liaison, Mark Zimmer, Council Liaison and Cory Meyer, City Forester.

**ABSENT:** Barbara Sandhagen;

**GUESTS:** Robert L. Ripperdan and Kathryn Klein

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on October 25, 2016 at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by David Slane.
- II. Secretary Report: Minutes from the September 27, 2016 meeting were approved.
- III. Citizen Comments: Homeowners Robert Ripperdan and Kathryn Klein made a request to be allowed to remove two maple trees from the ROW at their home of 947 Curran Avenue. The trees are growing into the utility lines and they have a very aggressive root system that is affecting the sidewalk and a butterfly garden the homeowners have placed in their front yard. While they would like to immediately remove the two trees directly north of their garden, they recognize that a third ROW tree may become problematic in the future and would be willing to take it down too, if the commission concurred.
- IV. Council Liaison Report: None..
- V. Guest Introduction: None.
- VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS
  - a. Junior Treekeepers Program: No report. David Slane will contact Michelle Storgion and try to set up a meeting so that members Linda Holekamp and Barbara Sandhagen can begin to take over administration of this program.
  - b. Education and Outreach: The utility insert newsletter has been sent out and Cory reported getting calls as a result. He is making plans for a pruning workshop.
  - 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 12/01/16
    - iii. KUFC Advocate Award – Due 3/31/2017
  - d. KUFC Annual Report: Due January, 2017

- e. Event Participation: Commission members staffed a booth at Greentree and participated in the parade. The next event is likely to be the Arbor Day event at the Farmers' Market once their date is announced.
- f. Tree Inventory Update: Staff was notified that the city has received a TRIM grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation for continued work on the street tree inventory. ArborPro is scheduled to return in December.
- g. Tree Ordinance Report: Cory Meyer led a discussion centered on comments that members had made after reviewing the latest draft of the Tree Code. Cory will make further revisions as a result of the discussion and send out another draft for comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Members discussed the tree removal request. Joe Day made a motion to permit the removal of all three maple trees in the ROW and recommend to the homeowners more appropriate tree species as replacements. Linda Holekamp seconded the motion. Three members were in favor, three members opposed, and so the motion failed. Andy Baldrige made a motion to permit the removal of the two maple trees per the homeowners' request and to recommend more appropriate tree species for planting in the ROW under power lines. Joe Day seconded the motion. Four members were in favor, two members were opposed, the motion passed.

Also under new business, Cory mentioned that the Spruce tree at the train station will be coming down and a new tree planted there the first week of November.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm

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

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