



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

June 28, 2016

PRESENT: David Slane, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Carol Rush, Barbara Sandhagen and Georgia Ragland, city staff liaison. Paul Ward, council liaison was present.

ABSENT: Matthew Stacker and Linda Holekamp

GUESTS: Ray and Jane Buehler

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on June 28, 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 May 24, 2016 meeting were approved.
- III. Citizen Comments: Ray Buehler presented a request for permission to remove a Sycamore tree in the ROW at the intersection of the sidewalk and his driveway with the intention of planting a new tree that would be further from the power lines. The tree trunk has significant curvature, is already lifting up the sidewalk, is into the power lines above it, and is so close to where the new driveway will be going that it will have roots cut as the driveway is built.
- IV. Council Liaison Report: Paul Ward had no formal report.
- V. Guest Introduction: None.
- VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Treekeepers Program: No report.
 - b. Education and Outreach: David Slane and Linda Holekamp are to meet to discuss the urban forestry newsletter that is intended to be a utility insert in October and will involve new member Barb Sandhagen to take advantage of her educator background.
 - 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: David Slane has signed the commission up for a float. He reported that the Park Department had contacted him and said they would waive the fee. G. Ragland reported that she had applied for the information booth for Greentree. There was a discussion about staffing the booth and handout materials.

- f. Tree Inventory Update: City staff has sent in the documentation to the state so as to be eligible for reimbursement of tree inventory expenses as part of the 2015 approved TRIM grant. Staff has also submitted a TRIM grant application for 2016 to continue the tree inventory.
- g. Tree Ordinance Subcommittee Report: A new city forester is expected to start in July and will be taking up the tree ordinance project.

OLD BUSINESS: The Buehler request to remove the Sycamore at 324 W. Madison was discussed. Andy Baldrige made a motion to allow the homeowner to remove the tree. Joe Day seconded the motion. All were in favor. David Slane will notify the home owner.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion about Oak Wilt (usually fatal) versus Jumping Oak Gall (usually not fatal) and how best to educate residents to be better informed consumers when it comes to tree services both diagnosing these ailments and offering to remove trees for a fee.

NEXT MEETING: The normal June 28, 2016 meeting was rescheduled to August 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm

David Slane, Chair _____

Date Approved _____