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## KIRKWOOD UPBAN FORESTRY COMMISION

### Minutes of April 26, 2011

**Members present:** Roger Vonder Bruegge, Michelle Storgion, David Slane, Dave Endres, Priscilla Ward

**Council Liaison:** Art McDonnell

**Staff Liaison:** Georgia Ragland (present)

**Excused:**

**Absent/Unaccounted:** Susan Renard, Alan Hautly

**Guest:** John or Katie D'Agostino were scheduled but did not show up.

- I. Call to order: the meeting was called to order at 7:02pm
- II. Citizen Comments: Bill Ruppert discussed that a Tree be dedicated to Marge Schramm and Mike Swoboda. He wanted to recognize these two due to their devotion to the KUFC. Bill also made a presentation to suggest planting two trees to replace the Pin Oak and the Sweetgum in front of City Hall. He did not suggest removing the two current trees but planting in a location two Swamp Chestnut Oaks to eventually replace these two trees. He suggested "more than" just a plaque but a plaque with a "story" on why these types of trees were placed and dedicated.
- III. Secretary Report: the minutes from March 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved as submitted.
- IV. Chair Report: Dave Endres discussed the "Topping" of a tree at the corner of Essex and Geyer (SE corner). He discussed that the City has no policy regarding "Topping" of trees. Roger stated that he will discuss this with Director of Public Works. Dave Endres also started a discussion about Earth Day – tabled for "Old Business"
- V. Council Liaison Report: Art McDonnell asked for reminder on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Room 200 A,B. there is a Public Forum to get a preview of proposed ordinance on ARB single family review.
- VI. Guest Introduction: John Koeneker and Carol had a tree study done on empty lot next to Nipher Middle School where they want to build a house and driveway. The Certified Arborist made suggestions on which trees need to be removed. The person added two more trees to be removed where driveway will be planned. 703 Edgewood is the new address that the City assigned the owners. **Jason and Nicole Difani** 1905 Westview - Jason discussed sewer system that was incorrectly installed/illegal. MSD is requiring them to extend the main sewer system to within properties on Westview. Jason and Nicole are not allowed to move in until sewer is properly installed. Jason showed photos of Hackberry and Maple and requested permission to remove the trees in front of 1917 and 1925 Westview in order to run sewer in the location. **326 W. Rose Hill** – The representatives did not show up tonight. Discussion continued in their absence and Motion by Michelle to allow removal, Priscilla seconded the motion... Dave Endres wanted the fact noted that there was no value

placed on tree due to no ordinance or legislation requiring such. All in favor – Motion Passed.

VII. Commission Items: None

**VIII. Activity Reports**

- A) Junior Tree Keepers Program: – Priscilla... Tillman Graduation went well with Mayor on hand... 75 children grads. Carol Dean announced she would not teach next year. Ordered Certificates for STP and SGM Schools. On order enough trees (River Birch) for Tillman 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. St. Peter Grad is May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. St. Gerards is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.
- B) Education and Outreach (Dave Endres)- Earth Day was a success! Dave Endres brought a 2 y/o Dogwood and put it on display. David Slane worked the early afternoon and Dave Endres stayed the entire time. Answered many questions. One girl filled out the contest form and won the dogwood tree.
- C) Planning and Zoning Liaison(Roger Vonder Bruegge)
- D) Kirkwood Treekeepers/Public Tree Inventory(Susan Renard)
- E) Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Award Submittals(Georgia Ragland) – the Lodge April 29<sup>th</sup>
- F) Event Participation(Michelle Storgion) – Reported above.
- G) KUFC Annual Report (Secretary)

IX. **Old Business**: “Maryjo Brown Case” from Greenbriar Subdivision requested her case be dismissed due to the tree blowing over. Earth Day booth from April 23<sup>rd</sup> discussed above.

X. **New Business**: Tree City USA Awards Lunch at the Lodge in DesPeres. Roger asked if anyone wanted to attend with him and David Slane volunteered.

XI. **Next Meeting**: May 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7pm Kirkwood City Hall Conference Room

XII. **Adjourn**