



KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

City of Kirkwood

139 S. Kirkwood Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

March 31, 2015

PRESENT: David Slane, Priscilla Ward, Andy Baldrige, Joe Day, Carol Rush, Michelle Storgion and Georgia Ragland, city staff liaison, Nancy Luetzow, city council liaison.

ABSENT: Ellen Edman

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on March 31st, at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by David Slane.
- II. Secretary Report: Minutes from the February 24th meeting were presented for review and approval. Motion made. Seconded. All in favor.
- III. Citizen Comments: Dave commented on the new business topic concerning the tree removal request at the Chestnut Run Condominiums at 444 N. Clay. Discussion and photos were presented to the commission. Discussion took place on the sidewalk issue. Priscilla made a motion that permission not be given to remove the tree. Joe seconded. All in favor.
- IV. Guest Introduction: none
- V. Council Liaison Report: Nancy reported that a proclamation will be presented to the council and the KUFC at the next council meeting declaring April 18th as Kirkwood Arbor Day. Dave reported that Bill Spradley is providing a unique oak that will be planted at the Kirkwood library at 9 am to officially celebrate Kirkwood's Arbor Day celebration. KUFC will then proceed at 10 am to their booth at the farmers market for the Kirkwood Earth Day festivities.
- VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - a. Junior Treekeepers Program: Michelle reported that classes are winding down and graduation dates have been set. Priscilla reported that the seedlings are on order but have not been received as of yet. They will be distributed to the Jr. Treekeeper class participants as soon as they arrive. Priscilla requested a date for the arborist presentation that would coordinate with the Arbor Day celebrations. Dave would check his schedule.
 - b. Education and Outreach: reported earlier
 - c. Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Awards:
 - i. Tree city, USA. Recertification 2015 (Growth award if applicable) Due 12/31/15 The Tree City presentation and Banquet was held last week at the Lodge in Des Peres. Dave accepted the Tree City Certification for the City of Kirkwood for its 24th consecutive year.

- ii. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence Due 12/01/15 It was noted that the 50-Tree program did win the award for 2014. Presentation of the award took place at the Tree City banquet and presentation.
- iii. KUFC Advocate Award – due 3-15-15. Awarded. Presentation date TBD
- d. KUFC Annual Report: completed, to be presented to Council.
- e. Event Participation: Joe indicated earlier that the planning is in place for the Earth Day Celebration. Joe took a count of volunteers available and discussed timing of set up and take down.
- f. Fifty Trees update: no update
- g. Tree Inventory Update: Discussion took place about 220 trees that the city has coming in this spring and fall. Listing of types and numbers of trees were presented. Discussion took place as to where the need will be for placement of these trees. Nancy discussed the possibility of the 50 Trees program utilizing some of these trees. She will present to the 50 Trees committee for comments and report back. Georgia reported that the tree inventory information has been downloaded and the needed GIS layer for the inventory was discussed. Georgia and Dave will attend the Trim Grant workshop on April 28th at 6 pm at Powder Valley. This conflicts with the KUFC’s next meeting. It was agreed to move the next KUFC meeting to Wed. April 29th.
- h. Tree Ordinance Subcommittee Report: Andy reported that progress is being made. A meeting on March 16th was attended. Georgia requested that Andy and Dave sit down with Ryan Spencer and discuss placing information. Nancy requested the committee to pull ordinances from Chesterfield and Richmond Heights for review.

OLD BUSINESS: Carol was asked to meet with the Downtown Business District and work with them on tree planting issues and be liaison to the KUFC for tree issues. Carol reported that a meeting is scheduled for April 15th.

NEW BUSINESS: Reported earlier.

NEXT MEETING: April 29th, 2015 at 7:00 pm Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm

David Slane, Chair _____

Priscilla Ward, Secretary _____

Date Approved _____