



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Tree Board

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Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
5:00 PM

City Hall  
Conference Room 1B

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM.  
City Staff present: Steve Fritz

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made to approve the agenda.**

**Yes:** 7 - Kyd, McMains, Wright, Bybee, Quackenbush, Miller and Scheidt-Hahn

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting.**

**Yes:** 7 - Kyd, McMains, Wright, Bybee, Quackenbush, Miller and Scheidt-Hahn

#### IV. TREE PRESERVATION AND CITY PROJECTS

Wright spoke about the purview of the board and how it relates to individual city projects. He suggested the group discuss actionable items and information to share with council about the Ash Street Improvement Project, but more generally all city projects as it relates to tree preservation. Bybee shared his experience with the Historic Preservation Commission and drafting letters to council. Quackenbush volunteered to write a draft letter if the board could share talking points. McMains offered to provide canopy analysis for the project area. Wright offered to provide some talking points.

**A motion was made to draft a letter to City Council concerning the loss of tree canopy associated with the current design of the Ash Street Improvement Project.**

#### V. TREE BOARD BUDGET

The board reviewed the new budget for FY25. Bybee mentioned an upcoming Arbor Day Foundation event as a possible training opportunity.

#### VI. COMMUNITY FORESTRY COST SHARE PROJECTS

Fritz share information from a recent meeting he had with Ann Koenig from MDC and limited funding for this grant period. No one on the board had suggestions for projects at the moment.

## VII. WORK CALENDAR

The board looked over the next couple of months of the work calendar. Fritz relayed information about some recent openings at the farmers market. McMains mentioned that the group had previously discussed looking over the Urban Forest Master Plan during the winter months.

## VIII. REPORT FROM LIAISON

Fritz confirmed purchases made end of FY24. He then informed the group of a cancellation and available space at the upcoming farmers market. Finally he shared information he had received from a boards and commissions liaisons meeting concerning virtual meeting attendance and posting agendas.

## IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Bybee spoke about a recent meeting and tour he had attended on behalf of Missouri Conservation Corp., with MDC and Roger Still. McMains suggested that Still be invited to a Tree Board meeting. McMains then discussed his meeting with Meredith McAvoy Perkins, Executive Director, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri and future training opportunities for the Tree Board.

## X. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will take place November 20th. Agenda items will include review of the draft letter to council.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

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