



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Tree Board

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall
Conference Room 1B
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

City Staff present: Steve Fritz

Present: 5 - Michael Kyd, Jacob McMains, Stephen Bybee, Max Miller and Renee Scheidt-Hahn

Excused: 2 - Samuel Wright and Patricia Quackenbush

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Yes: 5 - Kyd, McMains, Bybee, Miller and Scheidt-Hahn

Excused: 2 - Wright and Quackenbush

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Present: 5 - Michael Kyd, Jacob McMains, Stephen Bybee, Max Miller and Renee Scheidt-Hahn

Excused: 2 - Samuel Wright and Patricia Quackenbush

IV. CITY TREE FUND

Fritz reported to the group that he had not met with the new director yet. The board concluded he should be invited to a meeting.

V. WORK CALENDAR

Scheidt-Hahn thought that outreach at Mid-Missouri PrideFest went well. Bybee agreed but emphasized that the time commitment made it challenging, but the booth set up helped and was worth the cost. McMains thought there were good interactions and suggested finding a better way to display and distribute materials. The group discussed Cloverstock and questioned whether it was worthwhile. Wright said he encountered a number of people who were looking for volunteer opportunities. He suggested that more consistent messaging from the board at events would be beneficial and thought an info card would help. Bybee shared an example of a Missouri Conservation Corps flyer. Finally the group discussed the Garth/Sexton workday. McMains thought that the board should acknowledge the donation from Arthur Ratliff Tree and Stump Removal.

VI. REPORT FROM LIAISON

Fritz reported on a North Providence planting project and upcoming tree giveaway. He then informed the group he hoped to attend the MW International Society of Arboriculture conference in January.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Bybee talked about upcoming tree plantings at Fresh Start and Gans Nature Area. McMains commented again that the new director of Community Development be invited to a meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will take place November 19th. Agenda items will include: City tree fund, Tree Board budget, and info cards.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 5:44pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Present: 6 - Michael Kyd, Jacob McMains, Samuel Wright, Stephen Bybee, Max Miller and Renee Scheidt-Hahn

Excused: 1 - Patricia Quackenbush

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