



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Tree Board

Wednesday, November 20, 2024
5:00 PM

City Hall
Conference Room 1B

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

City Staff present: Steve Fritz

Present: 7 - Michael Kyd, Jacob McMains, Samuel Wright, Stephen Bybee, Patricia Quackenbush, Max Miller and Renee Scheidt-Hahn

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 began the discussion by reminding the group of the timeline leading up to the letter to City Council. McMains described the method in which metrics were gathered for canopy data. The board discussed the content of the letter. Quackenbush made edits and sent a final draft to be shared with the rest of the Tree Board. The board members' names are to be added to the letter after final review and approval. Wright asked Fritz to get an update on the project status.

A motion was made to accept a final draft of a letter to City Council.

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

V. TREE BOARD BUDGET

The board discussed the FY25 budget. Several items were mentioned including sponsorship, events, and training. McMains suggested the Midwest International Society of Arboriculture conference in January. Quackenbush looked up registration information.

VI. WORK CALENDAR

The group discussed topics for future agenda items. They decided to begin review of the Urban Forest Master Plan.

VII. REPORT FROM LIAISON

Fritz talked about the Community Canopy Program and a recent meeting with Missouri Conservation Corps and the Good Stewards group. He the talked about the City's plan to review the Complete Streets policy.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Bybee talked about the upcoming project with the Ridgeway Neighborhood Association. A tree care field day and social will be held Friday, November 29th. Tree Board members were encouraged to attend.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will take place December 18th. Agenda items will include a follow up from letter to council and discussion on the Urban Forest Master Plan.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

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