



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Tree Board

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

5:00 PM

City Hall
Conference Room 1B

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM.

Virtual Attendee: Jacob McMains

City Staff present: Steve Fritz

Present: 6 - Michael Kyd, Jacob McMains, Samuel Wright, Stephen Bybee, Patricia Quackenbush and Max Miller

Absent: 1 - Sloane Scott

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Yes: 6 - Kyd, McMains, Wright, Bybee, Quackenbush and Miller

Absent: 1 - Scott

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Yes: 6 - Kyd, McMains, Wright, Bybee, Quackenbush and Miller

Absent: 1 - Scott

IV. UPDATE ON NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Fritz previewed the City's NRI webpage and demonstrated the map. He explained issues associated with the tree canopy layer and layers currently not displayed. Wright asked if there were plans for another NRI in the future. Fritz reported that the GIS department was seeking grant funding for another NRI in 2027.

V. COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT

The group reviewed and discussed the grant proposal. Fritz talked about the project, stating that getting water to the site is still the main issue. Options were considered, Wright and Kyd offered to help with delivering water. Kyd mentioned he would reach out to a local excavation company to see if they could help. Wright asked to see plans for the Kinney Point development.

VI. CITY TREE FUND

Fritz outlined the goals and expectations of a city tree fund. The board discussed projects and potential partners. Wright ask if any formal action was needed at this time. Fritz suggested that a vote in the future for final approval of the program would be helpful.

VII. TREE BOARD BUDGET

The board discussed the current budget and request for funding for next year. Quackenbush recommended including space on the budget spreadsheet for potential spending items and asked for the link to the spreadsheet.

VIII. REPORT FROM LIAISON

Fritz announced the reappointment of Samuel Wright to the board and the appointment of Renee Scheidt-Hahn. He then talked about the upcoming Missouri Community Forestry Conference in August, in Columbia. Last he shared details from a meeting with Lynne Hooper, Urban Hydrologist from Boone County Resource Management. Hooper outlined collaborations and management practices aimed at improvements across the Greater Bonne Femme watershed.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**X. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be February 21st.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Yes: 6 - Kyd, McMains, Wright, Bybee, Quackenbush and Miller

Absent: 1 - Scott

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