

**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City of Kirkwood**

**139 S. Kirkwood Road**

**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

**June 22, 2021**

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Ned Golterman, Mike Hankins, Chris Molitor, Barbara Sandhagen, Carol Rush, Renee Werner, Cory Meyer – Urban Forester.

**ABSENT:** David Weidler

**GUESTS:** Linda Hoelcamp, Pracilia Ward

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on June 22, 2021 via Zoom for a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by **Carol Rush**.
2. Secretary Report: Motion was made by **Barbara Sandhagen** and seconded by **Ned Golterman** to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from the May 25, 2021 meeting of the Commission were approved unanimously.
3. Tree Removal Requests: There was none, however the Commission discussed ash trees– Cory discussed concerns about EAB throughout the City, the symptoms to look for and what possible treatments are available to save these trees. Due to budget restraints, Cory has elected not to continue treating the ash trees but to continue to remove them systematically and replant where available.
4. Urban Forester Report: **Cory Meyer** reported that EAB pressure appears to be higher this year throughout the City and they plan on removing more ash trees this. Removals are underway in the City and Cory reported that they have removed 40+ trees so far due to tree health, safety, and infrastructure projects. Cory informed the Commission that anthracnose was still impacting mature sycamore trees in the City and the last month of rain concerns him for the health of these trees. Cory reported that he has heard the City’s TRIM grant application was unofficially approved.
5. ACTIVITY REPORTS
   1. Junior TreeKeepers Program: **Carol Rush** talked about the success of the program and how the month has been going. There has been some concerns with keeping the kids attention. **Cory Meyer** discussed the program with **Laura Thai Horton** from Parks and Rec and mentioned that she had some concerns with the program this year. Cory has a meeting with her this next week to discuss in more detail, and will report back to the commission.
   2. Education and Outreach:
   3. Award and Grant Submittals:
      1. Tree city, USA. Recertification (Growth award if applicable) Due 12/31/21.
      2. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence: Due 12/01/21.
      3. KUFC Advocate Award – Due 3/31/2022.
   4. KUFC Annual Report: Due 1/30/2022.
   5. Event Participation: Greentree is scheduled for September 17, 18, and 19. Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission to have a booth on September 18 and 19. The Commission was unsure if we have a booth already or not. Further discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Cory informed the Commission that the next meeting will be in person.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Main Level Conference Room, City Hall

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn 8:11 p.m.

Carol Rush, Chair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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