

**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City of Kirkwood**

**139 S. Kirkwood Road**

**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

**August 24, 2021**

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Mike Hankins, Barbara Sandhagen, Carol Rush, Renee Werner, David Weidler – Staff Liaison, Cory Meyer – Urban Forester.

**ABSENT:** Tanner Craft, Ned Golterman, Chris Molitor

**GUESTS:**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on August 24, 2021 via Zoom for a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by **Carol Rush**.
2. Secretary Report: Motion was made by **Mike Hankins** and seconded by **Barbara Sandhagen** to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from the July 27, 2021 meeting of the Commission were approved unanimously.
3. Tree Removal Requests: **237 E. Madison** – Cory Meyer was able to review the property in question. A motion was made by Mike Hankins and seconded by Renee Werner for approval of the plan with the recommendation of removing the trees as indicated. The plan was approved with this condition unanimously.
4. Urban Forester Report: **Cory Meyer** storm debris removal concluded from the July event. August 12 storm currently in progress. Weekly updates are on the website. Crews starting in zones 8 and 1. There will be an initial pass through the city then after 2 weeks contact for missed pickups. Two street trees had catastrophic failure, fully uprooted. Minimal damage was caused by the two trees. Tree damage was less intense than the one in July, but damage areas were spread out. One of the most requested items are trees in power lines. Kirkwood Forestry cannot remove trees from utility lines, they must be removed by utility contractors. Tree pruning and removal, pruning has been suspended during debris pickup. Tree removal requests include 86 trees from April to today, 72 have been removed. In the first 4 months of the fiscal year we have removed half of what was removed in last fiscal year, pin oaks have had more failures than other trees. On track for a planting in the fall, meeting with a nursery to select trees. We did receive $25,000 through a trim grant. September services will be solicited through the Procurement Department for tree counting.
5. ACTIVITY REPORTS
   1. Junior TreeKeepers Program: The subcommittee of **Carol Rush**, **Ned Golterman**, **Renee Werner** and **Tanner Craft** are looking to meet in September**.**
   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. Display Osage oranges and tree nuts, Carol and Ned to provide. Mike to setup booth and take it down. Sign-up sheet is out on the site. Tree talk flyer, handouts, and display to be prepared. Drawing for basket and basket creation to be handles by Mike and Carol.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. using Zoom.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn 7:46 p.m.

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

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