

**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City of Kirkwood**

**139 S. Kirkwood Road**

**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

**October 26, 2021**

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Ned Golterman, Mike Hankins, Chris Molitor, Carol Rush, Renee Werner, David Weidler – Staff Liaison, Cory Meyer – Urban Forester,

**ABSENT:** Tanner Craft, Barbara Sandhagen

**GUESTS:**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on October 26, 2021 via Zoom for a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under Section 610.015 of the Mo. Sunshine Law provides that members of the Urban Forestry Commission who are not physically at the meeting site can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency is stated in the minutes.

The U.S., and the world, is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus—Covid-19. Therefore, members of the Urban Forestry Commission have elected to participate in this meeting electronically for the public health and safety of each other and the general public.

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 **Renee Werner** to amend the minutes adding Chris Molitor as an attendee and Renee Werner as absent. The amended minutes from the September 28, 2021 meeting of the Commission were approved unanimously.
3. Board and Commission Training: Laurie Asche provided training on rules of order and the Missouri Sunshine Law for the committee.
4. Tree Removal Requests: N/A
5. Urban Forester Report: **Cory Meyer** informed the commission that storm debris removal concluded from the July and August storm events at a cost of $124,623. A cottonwood tree on Taylor was struck by lightning and required removal last week. Pruning is underway and will continue through November. Tree crews are currently wrapping up in the Greenbrier Neighborhood. The 50 Trees volunteer group is to plant approximately 77 trees this year. A Trim Grant was awarded in the amount of $25,000 for a survey, a forestry master plan, and survey and the project is estimated at $70,000, pruning is to be postponed in order to cover the remaining balance.

1. ACTIVITY REPORTS
	1. Junior TreeKeepers Program: The subcommittee of **Carol Rush**, **Ned Golterman**, **Renee Werner** and **Tanner Craft** are November 2nd and December 7th at 7:00 p.m.
	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 went well and the booth was well received.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. using Zoom.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn 8:13 p.m. Ned and Chris

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

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