

**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City of Kirkwood**

**139 S. Kirkwood Road**

**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

**January 25, 2022**

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Tanner Craft, Ned Golterman, Mike Hankins, Chris Molitor, Carol Rush, Barbara Sandhagen, David Weidler – Staff Liaison

**ABSENT:**, Renee Werner, Cory Meyer – Urban Forester

**GUESTS:**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on January 25, 2022 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 7:09 pm by **Carol Rush**.
2. Secretary Report: Motion was made by **Chris Molitor** and seconded by **Mike Hankins** to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting of the Commission were approved unanimously.
3. Tree Removal Requests:

**44 Lemp Rd.** – Documents provided by the commission did not outline the trees in question to the satisfaction of the memebrs present. Motion was made to table the remoal in order to receive clarification on the removals by **Barbara Sandhagen** and seconded by **Chris Molitor** to approve removal request. The motion was approved with **Tanner Craft** and **Mike Hankins** opposed.

**317 Rose Ln.** – Motion was made by **Mike Hankins** and seconded by **Chris Molitor** to approve the removal. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Urban Forester Report: David Weidler informed the commission that all non-emergency pruning and removals have been suspended until the new fiscal year.
2. ACTIVITY REPORTS
   1. Junior TreeKeepers Program: The subcommittee of **Carol Rush**, **Ned Golterman**, **Renee Werner** and **Tanner Craft** reported they are looking into programming for the program and are meeting next month. The subcommittee members set the next meeting for February 8, 2022 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:** February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. using Zoom.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn 7:55 p.m. made by **Barbara Sandhagen** and seconded by **Tanner Craft**

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

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