



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on February 15, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Edman, Luetzow, Sears, Ward, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland, City Clerk Betty Montaño, Public Information Officer Beth von Behren, and City Attorney John Hessel.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Duwe and seconded by Council Member Edman to approve the meeting minutes of February 6, 2018. The minutes were unanimously approved.

DEER REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes presented the Deer Summary Report by White Buffalo, Inc. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- A population estimation method called Distance Sampling was used, in which a software program projects the area sampled and then integrates the number of deer observed in that area to determine density.
- The survey team counted 62-72 (21-31 groups of deer) on the 3 transect replicates.
- Deer were observed from 1 to 150 yards from the road, with most observations occurring less than 60 yards.
- The segment of the transect with deer observations occurred west of Geyer Road.
- No deer were observed east of Geyer Road.
- The estimated density for the west portion of the municipality with estimations of 151 deer inhabiting this area.
- The demographics of the population were 40.8% yearling and adult females, 43.8% fawns, and 14.4% yearling and adult males.
- Less than 20 deer per square mile and not as heavily populated as Sunset Hills with a count of 113 deer per square mile.
- Field observations suggest that recreational feeding of deer is causing concentrations in certain areas within the municipality. This will likely cause increased deer damage to landscape plantings and a furtherance of human deer conflicts proximate to the feeding locations.
- It was suggested that there be a nuisance ordinance regarding feeding deer, etc.
- The state should be contacted to see if the number of deer killed in Powder Valley can be increased by extending the time; providing more hunters, etc.
- It was the consensus of the council that Mr. Hawes contact the state; draft legislation prohibiting people from feeding deer; and provide education about deer and the plantings they like.
- Mr. Hawes will advise the council when he has finished the tasks listed above.

ARTS COMMISSION

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes presented the three possible locations identified for the 1st Sculpture on the Move in Downtown Kirkwood.

- 1st possible location: Southeast corner of Kirkwood Road and Argonne Boulevard.
- 2nd possible location: back of City Hall between the entrance and parking lot on the south side of the Memorial Walkway.

- 3rd possible location: area east of Kirkwood Road on the south side of Argonne at the corner next to the train tracks.

A discussion took place regarding the following:

- The location would depend on the type of sculpture. The consensus was that no sculpture be placed near the Memorial Walkway.
- The 1st possible location will have high visibility.
- The Arts Commission selected 10 various sculptures to be considered.
- The consensus of the council was that depending upon the piece of art, other locations could be used, by pouring another slab.

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Chair of the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission, David Slane, and Vice-Chair Linda Holekamp were in attendance to present the 2017 Kirkwood Urban Forestry Annual Report. Some of the items covered are as follows:

- The annual Arbor Day Tree planting and Proclamation was done on April 30, 2017.
- The Kirkwood Street Tree Inventory is complete and currently in a maintenance mode through constant updates as trees are planted and others are removed.
- KUFC Members Barbara Sandhagen and Linda Holekamp continued to procure financial support for the Kirkwood Junior TreeKeepers program from various local garden clubs, community service organizations and individuals.
- The KUFC hosted a booth at the 2017 Greentree Festival.
- 2017 completed Kirkwood's 26th year as a Tree City USA.
- In 2017 with combined efforts of the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission and the City Forester, large strides were made towards completion of a comprehensive City Tree Ordinance.
- Many requests for public tree removal have been for trees that are considered non-desirable trees for Kirkwood.
- City Forester Cory Meyer is making a big difference for the community and the Urban Forestry Commission.

There being no further matters to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned

Betty Montañó, MMC/MPCC
City Clerk