

**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City of Kirkwood**

**139 S. Kirkwood Road**

**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

**April 26, 2022**

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

**ABSENT:** Tanner Craft, Barbara Sandhagen

**GUESTS:**

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by **Carol Rush**.
2. Secretary Report: Motion was made by **Mike Hankins** and seconded by **Ned Golterman** to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from the March 22, 2022 meeting of the Commission was approved unanimously.
3. Tree Removal Requests:

307 W. Rosehill - Motion was made by **Mike Hankins** and seconded by **Renee Werner** to approve the removal with a request to replace the tree with an appropriate tree approved by the City Forester. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Urban Forester Report: Removal of hazard trees began again with the new fiscal year. The tree inventory, canopy study, and Urban Forestry Master Plan are in the final stages of processing. The firm hired for the tree inventory has been thorough with good quality control measures. In addition, the firm was able to identify potential planting sites throughout the city. There is a fall planting this year planned with approximately 150. The Urban Forestry Division is coordinating with the Electric Department to provide right of way replacement trees. The Electric Department’s vegetation management plan is being overhauled and is on a 3-year maintenance schedule. The addition of the new Assistant Urban Forester position will assist in tree protection review, tree inspections, contractor review, and new programming.
2. ACTIVITY REPORTS
	1. Junior TreeKeepers Program: **Ned Golterman** updated the commission on the availability of Pete Laufersweiler, Skip Kincaid and Mark Gruber to provide content for the program during the summer camps.
	2. Education and Outreach: Discussion took place in regard to ideas for the mailer this summer.
	3. Award and Grant Submittals:
		1. Tree city, USA. Recertification (Growth award if applicable) Due 12/31/22.
		2. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence: Due 12/01/22.
		3. KUFC Advocate Award – Due 3/31/2022.
	4. KUFC Annual Report: Due 1/31/2023.
	5. Event Participation:

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn 8:16 p.m. made by **Mike Hankins** and seconded by **Chris Molitor**

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

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