



**PRESENT:** Ned Golterman, Mike Hankins, David Slane, Mariah Harris, Renee Werner, Chris Molitor, Tanner Craft, Nancy Luetzow – Council Liaison, Cory Meyer – Urban Forester, David Weidler – Staff Liaison

**ABSENT:** N/A

**GUESTS: n/a**

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by **Mike Hankins**.
2. Secretary Report: Motion was made by **Renee Werner** and seconded by **Tanner Craft** to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from the July 26, 2022, meeting of the Commission were approved unanimously.
3. Tree Removal Requests: 601 East Jefferson Ave
	1. The property owner is building an addition; the tree is located where the proposed new porch is planned.
	2. The motion was made by **Ned Golterman** and seconded by **Mariah Harris** to approve the tree removal. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Urban Forester Report: Pruning is suspended due to the increase of trees needing removal due to decline and in a hazardous area. Forester is working with approximately four nurseries to contract for planting trees. Forester reviewed highlights of the Kirkwood Urban Forest Master Plan. Update was given on the clarification request from City Council regarding revisions to the City of Kirkwood’s code of ordinances.
5. Activity Reports
	1. Junior Treekeepers Program: January 2023 is ideal to begin next year’s program planning; it aligns with Park programming.
	2. Education and Outreach: The Utility insert is planned to be sent in early September.
	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 3/31/2023
	4. KUFC Annual Report: Due 1/31/2023
	5. Event Participation: Greentree Festival is September 16-18, 2022. There are a few booth volunteer slots needing to be filled.
6. Old Business:T-shirts - Mike is waiting to hear back from the vendor.
7. New Business:
	1. Ned is moving to Richmond Heights; he will stay on UFC until the house is sold.
	2. The Great Rivers Greenway (bike path) plans on West Essex to Geyer will remove parking on one side and may affect the trees too.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn 8:35 p.m. made by **Tanner Craft** and seconded by **Renee Werner**.

Mike Hankins, Chair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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