

**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City of Kirkwood**

**139 S. Kirkwood Road**

**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

**November 27, 2018**

**PRESENT:** David Slane,Andy Baldridge, Joe Day, Carol Rush, Linda Holekamp, Barbara Sandhagen, Chris Molitor, Cory Meyer – Urban Forester, Georgia Ragland – Staff Liaison.

**ABSENT:** Mark Zimmer – Council Liaison

**GUESTS:** David Davis, Andy Haskenhoff.

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on October 23, 2018 at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chair **David Slane**.
2. Secretary Report: Motion was made by **Linda Holekamp** and seconded by **Andy Baldridge** to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from the October 23rd meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Tree Removal Requests: Andrew Haskenhoff of Frontenac Forestry presented a request to remove a Japanese zelkova tree from the ROW at 1025 Barry Court. He also presented the request to remove a Green ash at 613 Brownell. Homeowner David Davis presented a request to remove two Pin oaks on Peeke at 745 Simmons as construction of a new home there due to the small lot dimensions will have construction activities so close to the trees that they will be adversely affected. After a discussion **Barbara Sandhagen** made a motion to permit the removal of the tree at 613 Brownell. **Chris Molitor** seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Carol Rush** made a motion to allow the removal of the two Pin oaks at 745 Simmons accompanied by a request that the homeowner plant a native Missouri tree with a large canopy. **Chris Molitor** seconded the motion. The vote was 6-1 with **Joe Day** voting against. **Joe Day** made a motion to allow the removal of the Japanese zelkova at 1025 Barry Court. **Barbara Sandhagen** seconded the motion. It was noted that utility work performed prior to permits being granted had compromised the tree. All were in favor of the motion.
4. Citizen Comments: None.
5. City Forester Report: **Cory Meyer** reported staff had met with the City attorney and some minor changes to the draft ordinance had been made. Georgia Ragland had emailed commission members with the new documents. It will appear on the council agenda of 12/6/18 for first reading. Pruning is still being performed. Electric is also trimming in the same sector. Cory said that he will coordinate street tree pruning with Electric next year. This month there were also some large tree removals including two large oaks with hypoxylon canker. He was pleased that the early wet snow storm had resulted in minimual damage and attributed that to the pruning program. Following the KUFC utility insert he has been getting tree planting requests. When there has proven to be insufficient space in the ROW for a tree planting he has been forwarding such requests to the 50 Trees group so that they can work with the homeowner to gain permission for planting a tree behind the ROW on the homeowners property.
6. ACTIVITY REPORTS
   1. Junior TreeKeepers Program: Linda Holekamp reported that the tree planting at St. Peter went well. The fourth graders planted two Bald cyprus trees.
   2. Education and Outreach: It was noted that with passage of the tree ordinance this development would need to be communicated.
   3. Tree City USA/Growth Award/Other Awards:
      1. Tree city, USA. Recertification 2018 (Growth award if applicable) Due 12/31/18.
      2. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence: Due 12/01/18. **David Slane** shared his draft and asked for comments.
      3. KUFC Advocate Award – Due 3/31/2019.
   4. KUFC Annual Report: Due 1/30/2019
   5. Event Participation: **Joe Day** expressed an interest in obtaining some sort of display board/case for use with a booth. A custom tent was discussed.
   6. Tree Ordinance Report: Legislation is scheduled for the 12/6/18 council meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Joe Day asked Cory Meyer for an update on the Aberdeen Heights tree replanting. Cory reported that the required trees had been successfully replanted and that they were now in compliance with their development agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Kirkwood City Hall Main Conference Room

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

David Slane, Chair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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