

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order

Forestry Commission President Kristin Sobatka called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Those in attendance included Commission President Kristin Sobatka, Commission Vice President Barbara Chicherio, Commission Members Dianne Benjamin, David Rowan, and Julie Teixeira. Also, in attendance was Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Darren Dunkle and Forester Jacob Kaiser. Those not in attendance included Commission Members Mary Harvey and Irv Logan, and Council Liaison Jeff Hales.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Director Dunkle removed subcategory a) Tree Appeal from Agenda Item # 9 New Business.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Teixeira motioned and Commission Member Chicherio seconded to approve the minutes of May 8, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #5: Citizen's Comments

None

Agenda Item #6: Department Report

Forester Kaiser reported:

- 1) New tree trimmer has been hired
- 2) Trees have been removed – mainly mature pin oaks in Ward 3
- 3) Pruning is approved for block by block – money is in budget, will be sent out for bids.
- 4) Ash abatement will be replaced – money is in budget, will be sent out for bids. Some Ash trees can be treated – wants this put into budget for next year.
- 5) Forester Kaiser and Director Dunkle will be looking at ordinances and updating. Plan to be presented and reviewed at the next meeting in November.
- 6) Forester Kaiser wants to work on inventory list of trees for next year.
- 7) New Mulch Sign on How to Mulch will be placed in Heman Park with flyers at both the recycling center and the green center.

Agenda Item #7: Council Liaison Report

None

Agenda Item #8: Unfinished Business

It was agreed by consensus that the Urban Forestry Commission Arbor Day Celebration would be considered as part of the Earth Day Celebration as trees were planted and flyers were handed out. These two celebrations will be combined in the future.

Agenda Item #9: New Business

An acceptable tree list was distributed to the Commission by Forester Kaiser.

MSD – Ruth Park Woods Update:

- McKnight and Ruth Park Trail – getting an easement at the golf course
- AT&T vault needs to be bypassed – the easement needs to go further into the Park. Further discussions need to be held. Must get approval from the city.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Commission Member Chicherio made a motion at 7:30 pm, seconded by Commission Member Rowan to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.