

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Wednesday September 11, 2024
(DRAFT)**

Agenda Item A: Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Agenda Item B: Roll Call

Those in attendance included Commission President Timothy Schroeder, Vice President Dana Barnard and Commission Members Linda Freid, Roger McFarland, Jane Zeni and Jacob Kaiser Forestry Supervisor. Not in attendance was Secretary Kathy Freese and Commission Member Aaron Bitzer.

Agenda Item C: Approval of Agenda

Vice President Barnard motioned to accept the agenda. Roger McFarland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item D: Approval of Minutes

The August meeting minutes were not distributed. They will be approved next meeting.

Agenda Item E: Citizens' Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Agenda Item F: Department Report

Former Public Works Director Darrin Girdler was replaced by Mirela Celaj.

The Forestry staff is down to one person but, has permission to hire one staff member. A second hire may be possible but, is not approved yet.

The tree removal contract is wrapping up. Sidewalks will be replaced on Pershing Ave. from Forest Park parkway to Hanley. Jacob Kaiser recommends some tree removals and some structural soil for trees to be saved. Beyond Housing is a nonprofit that works with 24 communities and they have done structural soil projects to save mature trees during sidewalk renovations.

The department submitted a 2018 grant for federal funding.

Both the loop and Olive would be good targets for future projects.

Stump grinding will occur when a stump grinder is rented.

Agenda Item G: Council Liaison Report

None

Agenda Item H: Unfinished Business

The second half of the presentation draft to be given to the City Council was discussed. All comments were recorded by Roger McFarland in a copy of the power-point show.

Agenda Item I: New Business

None

Agenda Item J: Commission Comments

There were no Commission Comments.

Agenda Item K: Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on November 13, 2024.

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment

Commission President Timothy Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.