

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Wednesday December 11, 2024**

Agenda Item A: Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Timothy Schroeder at 6:03 pm.

Agenda Item B: Roll Call

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

Agenda Item C: Approval of Agenda

Vice President Barhard motioned to accept the agenda. Kathy Freese 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 by the commission at the next meeting.

Vice President Barhard motioned to accept the November 13 meeting minutes. Kathy Freese seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kathy Freese motioned to accept the November 25 meeting minutes. Vice President Barhard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item E: Citizens' Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Agenda Item F: Department Report

The tree removal project along Pershing Ave. will begin in January. As of this date the public has not been informed of the project. All residents will be contacted by letters and door hangers. 75% of the trees will be removed along Pershing Ave between the Fores Park Parkway and Hanley.

Jacob commented that regarding the Pershing Ave. tree replacement project the correct number and specimen of trees will be installed rather than just replacing what was there with what was there.

He also noted no trees will be removed from the median.

Agenda Item G: Council Liaison Report

The City Clerk attempted to contact absentee Committee Member Bitzer about ongoing partition in the commission. Next a letter from the City Clerk will be sent to him.

Roger McFarland and Kathy Freese were reappointed to the commission. Our liaison noted that all commission positions are officially filled but, the lack of attendance by Jane Zeni and Arron Bitzer is a concern.

Agenda Item H: Unfinished Business

The Forestry Commission Report is almost finalized. Jacob will update two charts to match the new format. Approval of the draft will be discussed in the next meeting.

Discussion on the communications with University City was discussed. We are still seeking participation from the city.

Agenda Item I: New Business

Discussion on goals for the commission in 2025 was postponed due to time constraints. It was mentioned that focusing on the technical aspects of trees should be considered.

Agenda Item J: Commission Comments

There were no Commission Representative Comments.

Agenda Item K: Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2025.

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment

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