

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION  
UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
Wednesday March 12th, 2025**

**Agenda Item A: Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Timothy Schroeder at 6:05 pm.

**Agenda Item B: Roll Call**

Those in attendance were Commission members Tim Schroeder, Linda Fried, Dana Barhard, Kathy Freese. Visitor and potential new member Theodore Smith was present as was Staff Liaison Jacob Kasier. Those absent were Councilmen Fuller, and commission members Jane Zeni and Roger McFarland.

**Agenda Item C: Approval of Agenda**

Kathy Freese motioned to accept the agenda. Dana Barhard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item D: Citizens' Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Agenda Item E: Department Report**

a. Pershing and Ferguson Sidewalk Projects update.

Ferguson

In order to update sidewalks and curbs, 19 trees in good to poor condition were removed. Otherwise, there would be too much interference with sidewalk placement.

Funding TAP (Trim Alternatives Project) 80% fed funded and U. City funded replacement and removal of trees.

Pershing

81 trees removed (79 city and 2 private) Need to be down prior to March 31 due to Indiana brown bat protection regulations per DNR, Funding is Surf Transportation Program 80-20 plus tree costs to city.

**DISCUSSION**

All Federal money is available at this point.

Citizen calls have been requests to have additional trees removed.

Letters were sent to citizens that had street trees removed prior to action.

Replacement costs in budget, 1g caliper trees by contractor

Water truck request in July 1 budget submission. Water will be needed for these sidewalk project trees, other city trees and possibly ball parks

**Agenda Item F: Council Liaison Report**

There was no Council Liaison Report.

### **Agenda Item G: Unfinished Business**

#### **a. Arbor Day Plans**

Linda Fried has been making plans with Kathleen Kapayou, Edu Program Coordinator of The Green Center. On April 25, 4th graders will be at the TGC for a tour. Their teachers and Kathleen will be prepared to speak about Arbor Day and trees. Each child will contribute a shovelful of dirt to the new tree. Theo Smith, Outdoor Learning Spaces Coordinator of TGC, has volunteered to assist with the process.

#### **b. New Process to communicate with residents**

Jacob has access to the Online Media Request Form that connects him to Jared Jones, Communications Manager. The interface is currently being improved. The commission subcommittee may provide raw information or a writeup for Jacob to review and Jacob submits through the internal process.

Dana brought a nicely detailed booklet from Tree Keepers for our review.

#### **c. Presentation of Forestry Commission Annual Report to City Council March 24.**

Tim is presenting to City Council study session. He has been given a 15min time slot for presentation and 15min for discussion. The UF commission members may show their support by attending this meeting. The meeting is now scheduled for April 28.

### **Agenda Item H: New Business**

#### **a. Comments on the Urban Forestry Management Plan.**

The plan has been discussed in prior commission meetings. The Commission could be most helpful by supporting the management plan when any decisions about the Forestry Department are being considered. Jacob requests commissioners read the UFMP and send him comments.

### **Agenda Item I : Commission Comments**

Review the Annual Forestry plan at next meeting.

Dana has been reviewing KPI. The education outreach goal may not be a KPI action.

Measure of survival of young trees may be a tangible method of measuring drought/climate change,

### **Agenda Item J: Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00Pm at the Commons.

### **Agenda Item K: Adjournment**

Commission President Timothy Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.