

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
November 14, 2012

Members Present: Ted Slegesky, Jack Breier, Nancy Baglan, Linda Fried, Carol Dean
Guests: Steve Kraft, Council Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by President Ted Slegesky.

Minutes of the September 12, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved.

City Council Liaison Update: Steve Kraft made several comments. He said that forestry members' support at this week's city council meeting was appreciated. He has been getting a lot of phone calls recently about trees, especially re. many tree limbs down.

Monthly Forestry Reports: In James' absence, the last report was reviewed and approved. One question raised in discussion is whether we are planting enough new trees to replace those being removed.

Old Business: *Memorable Tree Walk and Park Foundation Grant.* There was much discussion about the tree walk project, the data we have, and what needs to be done to complete this phase of it. It should be completed as soon as possible. Our decisions were:

- 1) To go with the lists of trees we've already made, crossing off any trees which we've determined to be in bad shape. Ted is collector of the lists. He will get everyone's data entered into his spread sheet and compile a list of signs needed to give James.
- 2) Although the Parks Foundation has requested that we include their logo on the tree signs we decided that theirs is a rather large and complicated symbol, would take up too much space, and possibly add to the cost. Jack will speak to Judy Prange to request permission to not use their logo, just the U City logo. Other than the U City logo, we'd like for the signs to have just the botanical and common name for each of the trees.
- 3) We would submit the list of trees to the company Norma suggested to make the signs. We'd like for the company to give us some examples of fonts and letter sizes which they might recommend. If they could email these to the Commission, we could vote by email.
- 4) We'll need to request help from the city to install signs. Ted will ask James who should do that (Ewald?) and when would be a good time for the work to be done?

New Business: Bids were received for Street Tree Trimming. Gamma Tree Service was the low bidder at \$68.00 per tree. Log Grinding in Heman Park was completed on 11/9/12. St. Louis Composting was the low bidder.

Update of Development Projects: 142 Linden Ave. submitted their tree survey and paid \$2,400 into the tree bank.

Citizens' Comments: None

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.
Next meeting date: January 9, 2013.
Minutes Submitted by Nancy Baglan