

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

May 8, 2013

Members Present: Ted Slegesky, Jack Brier, James Crowe, Linda Fried, Carol Dean, Anu Hittle, Nancy Soladar and Steve Kraft

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

Minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting were reviewed; Linda motioned to accept, Nancy second, motion passed.

City Council Liaison Update: Steve reported on the new city budget , the Bike and Walk plans And Nancy Baglan will be reappointed to the commission.

Monthly Forestry Reports: March and April reviewed and accepted

Old Business:

- A) Arbor Day Celebration: James was unable to obtain the participation of one of the various elementary schools he contacted, so a small tree planting ceremony was held with the forestry department in Fogarty Park
- B) Tree Walk Signage: Ted announced that Stephanie Brot from the Park Foundation would like to use the tree walks for a fund raiser in October and wanted to know if the signs would be installed. Jack has contacted the sign people and presented various options based on samples from the Missouri Botanical Garden. After discussion Nancy made a motion to purchase 100- 2" X 4" signs at \$725.00 and 100- 12" stakes at \$425.00 for a total of \$1125.00. The signs will list the common name, Latin name, and include the words Missouri native (for any species that qualify), and will also include the U. City and Parks Foundation logos. Linda second the motion, during the ensuing discussion it was pointed out there will need to be 15 additional trees to add to the 85 we have identified for the signage. A committee of Linda, Carol and Nancy will work on identifying the additional trees; possibly from the bird corridor in Ruth Park.

New Business:

- A) Washington U Loop Student Living Initiative: Anu had asked this item to be placed on the agenda because she had some questions on the types of trees to be planted on the project. James presented the landscape plan, after reviewing the plan, Anu stated she was pleased with the plant selection.
- B) Green Center/ Kaufman Park partnership: James discussed partnering with the Green Center in cleaning up invasive plant species in Kaufman woods. James is writing a grant to obtain native trees to plant in the woods from Forest Releaf of Missouri and the Green Center will provide volunteers to plant the trees. The project will take place this fall.

Update of Development Projects:

- A) James presented the landscape plan he approved, for 633 McKnight provided in their application for a conditional use permit

Discussion and citizen comments: none

Jack made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy second, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm
Next meeting date: July 10 at 7:00 pm.

James Crowe