

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2014

Members Present: Ted Slegesky, Jack Breier, James Crowe, Linda Fried, Carole Dean, Tom Sontag, Beth Skelton, Steve Kraft

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by President Ted Slegesky

There were no minutes kept of the November 13, 2013 meeting

Introduction of new members: Ted introduced the two new board members Tom Sontag and Beth Skelton

Election of Officers: Jack nominated Ted, Tom second. Carole nominated Anu, Jack second. Ted called for votes for the slate of nominees, candidates were elected unanimously.

City Council Liaison Update: Steve reported the council is working on next year's budget.

Monthly Forestry Reports: November and December were reviewed and after discussion were passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- A) Memorable Tree Walk: All of the walks are finished; the Ruth Park Tree Corridor needs to be posted on the UCity In Bloom web site. Steve will look in to posting on the City's web site. James will check with Missouri Dept of Conservation other avenues are the Westend Word and UCity Roars newsletter. Ted wanted to mention the work of Arno Perlow in placing the tree walks on the UCity In Bloom web site, Steve said he would discuss issuing a proclamation with the mayor.

New Business:

- A) Arbor Day Celebration: James discussed the upcoming celebration in April; he will look into planting at the new fire house with the University City Children's Center.
- B) Tree Trimming Contract: Pending city council approval Gamma Tree Service has the lowest bid.
- C) Golf Course Driving Range Post Oak: The city had the tree inspected by Skip Kincaid a consulting arborist. His analysis is the tree is in a state of decline; it will not recover and should be removed. James agrees with this opinion.
- D) Mary Ann Shaw retirement: January 19 is the date at City Hall.

Update of Development Projects:

- A) Goodwill has purchased the lots east of their present location, James has approved the landscape plans for the new building.

Discussion and citizen comments: Ted expressed his thanks to Nancy Solodar for her years of service and tireless work on behalf of the Urban Forestry Commission.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jack second, meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm
Next meeting date: March 12 at 7:00 pm.

James Crowe

