

## URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

March 12, 2014

Members Present: Jack Breier, James Crowe, Linda Fried, Carole Dean, Tom Sontag, Beth Skelton, Theodore Smith, Anu Hittle

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by retiring president Anu Hittle

Minutes of the January 8, 2014 were read, Tom motioned to accept, Beth second motion passed.

Introduction of new members: Theodore Smith was introduced as a new board member.

Election of Officers: Anu nominated Linda for president, Tom second. Linda nominated Jack for vice president, Carol second.

Anu called for votes for the slate of nominees, candidates were elected unanimously.

City Council Liaison Update: No report.

Annual Community Forestry Report: After reading and questions Theodore motioned to accept, Beth second, motion passed

Monthly Forestry Reports: January and February were reviewed and after discussion were passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

- A) Memorable Tree Walk: Linda reported the walks are completed except for Ruth Woods- Bird Corridor. Still need to establish an online presence.
- B) 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.
- C) Golf Course Post Oak: James reported the city has postponed the removal until after the tree leafs out so residents can see the extent of its decline.

### New Business:

- A) Anu requested the commission work on more educational opportunities for the residents on trees. Linda suggested working on a brochure for new residents educating them about University City trees. She suggested the commission reach out to the neighborhood associations for educational opportunities.

### Update of Development Projects:

- A) 7229 Forsyth. Two city trees were removed from this property without permit, the city received \$1500.00 and two newly planted trees as damages.
- B) Lewis Park. The city is working on plans to revamp Lewis Park including new landscape installation; James will have more when plans are finalized.

Discussion and citizen comments: Theodore informed the commission about the River Des Coalition meeting on April 12, 2014

Jack made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carol second, Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm

Next meeting date: May 14 at 7:00 pm.

James Crowe

