

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
January 14, 2015

Members Present: Irv Logan, Jack Breier, James Crowe, Linda Fried, Theo Smith, Tom Sontag, Beth Skelton, Paulette Carr

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Linda Fried

Nomination and election of officers: Tom nominated Jack for president, Linda second; since there were no other nominations Jack was elected. Linda nominated Beth for vice president, Theo second; since there were no other nominations Beth was elected.

Minutes were read; Jack motioned to accept with corrections, Linda second, motion passed.

Council Liaison Update: Paulette is working on clarifying the commission appointments and terms with the city clerk, and will have a report next meeting. There are two readings scheduled for the city council concerning a bond issue for improvements to city parks and streets. Beth asked if the bill to amend the city ordinance concerning the commission was going to be placed on the city council agenda again. Paulette reported that there was no movement at this time to place that item on the agenda.

Monthly Forestry Reports: After review Jack motioned for approval, Tom second, motion passed

Old Business:

- A) By- Law Discussion: Jack motioned that the commission draft by-laws, Tom second and requested discussion. After discussion, Jack agreed to draft by-laws, and email the group with a vote at the next meeting.
- B) Arbor Day: Linda and Beth discussed holding the event in conjunction with the Green Center and a planting in Ruth Park along the bird corridor. Linda will coordinate with Green Center and set a date.

New Business

- A) 2015 Tree Bid Contract: The contract was awarded to Gamma Tree Service.

Update of Development Projects: none

Citizens' comments: Jack announced the terminal illness of board member Carol Dean and the sympathies of the commission go out to her and her family. This meeting is the last for Linda Fried and the commission thanks her for her leadership and service.

Jack motion for adjournment, Tom second, meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted by James Crowe