



TREE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: February 8th, 2018

LOCATION: Oxford Recreation Center

PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE:			
<input type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 1 -	SARAH JARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS -	REBECCA KOETTER (CHAIR)
<input type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 2 -	BRENDA DANNER	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS OF PARKS & TRAILS -	VACANT
<input type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 3 -	GREG NAYMAN	<input type="checkbox"/> PARKS COMMISSION -	VACANT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 4 -	EMILY MUMFORD	<input type="checkbox"/> PARKS & RECREATION, DESIGN -	DAVE RONZANI
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 5 -	JENNIFER CORCORAN	<input type="checkbox"/> PARKS & RECREATION, FORESTRY -	CY KOSEL
<input type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 6 -	CATHERINE SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/> PARKS & RECREATION, FORESTRY -	DANIEL ANDERSON
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 7 -	DAVID MURPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE TREE SERVICE -	JONATHAN HEATON (VICE-CHAIR)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE TREE SERVICE -	LEBEN MCCORMICK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AT LARGE MEMBER -	JANE CARLSTROM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA -	CHAD GIBLIN

GUESTS: Adam Strehlow

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:20 PM

MINUTES REVIEWED: January 11th minutes were reviewed and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL BUSINESS:

Adam Strehlow presented on the City of Saint Paul’s Landmark Tree Program, summarizing the past landmark trees and presenting the new candidates. Seven trees were nominated and the Panel voted and awarded a first and second place for 2017. First place was awarded to a private Norway spruce at 2083 Wellesley Avenue and second place was awarded to a public American elm at 412 Holly Avenue. Adam advised the panel that the winners will be announced at the Blooming Saint Paul award ceremony.

Rebecca Koetter sought the panel members’ input in answering the MnSTAC survey to tree boards. The survey was completed during the meeting.

Emily Mumford made a request that the Panel reduce the number of guest speakers so that members can better focus on topics of discussion in the time allotted. The request was not voted upon.

Rebecca Koetter announced that the Friends of the Parks and Trails annual tree sale has begun with an order deadline of April 20th.

Rebecca Koetter led a discussion on plans for the TAP and the Education subcommittee for 2018. The subcommittee put forward for discussion three outreach options for the panel to consider. In brief: option 1 was to design a mailer that promoted injection for private and public ash trees to be funded by sponsors; option 2 was to provide information through the city via the water bill or similar public outlet; and option 3 was to extend the city injection contract prices to all citizens. The options were forwarded to Cy Kosel for comment.

MEMBER UPDATES:

Rebecca Koetter announced that Jeanne Weigum has stepped down from representing the Friends of Parks and Trails and that a new representative will be at the March meeting.

Rebecca Koetter handed out to the Panel a list of suggestions for members to use when talking with City Ward representatives. The document was generated by Chris Soutter, former TAP member and present Education subcommittee volunteer.

Panel members discussed posting the TAP paragraph from last month on NextDoor and the various responses. Leben McCormick mentioned that his posts on NextDoor generated multiple responses and he received a nomination for a landmark tree for 2018. The application for the nominated tree was submitted. Greg Nayman mentioned that he submitted the paragraph to the Highland Villager and it was printed.

Daniel Anderson updated the panel to the updated Forestry boulevard permit that now allows for contractors to fill out and submit a permit without requiring the property owners signature.

ADJOURNED: 7:58 PM