



TREE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: March 8th, 2018

LOCATION: Oxford Community Recreation Center

PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE:			
<input type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 1 -	SARAH JARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS -	REBECCA KOETTER (CHAIR)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 2 -	BRENDA DANNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS OF PARKS & TRAILS -	GUS KOUTSOUVAS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 3 -	GREG NAYMAN	<input type="checkbox"/> PARKS COMMISSION -	VACANT
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARKS & RECREATION, FORESTRY -	CY KOSEL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 6 -	CATHERINE SMITH	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA -	CHAD GIBLIN

GUESTS: Karl Mueller; University of Minnesota “Managing Green Spaces” students

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:18 PM

MINUTES REVIEWED: Minutes for the February 8th meeting were not reviewed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rebecca Koetter introduced Gus Koutsouvas who will be the Panel representative from Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County. Gus has been on the Friends’ board for a year and is passionate about the protecting the outdoors and deeply cares about the environment.

Rebecca Koetter reminded the Panel that the Shade Tree Short Course was to be held on March 13 - 14 and that there was a discount for tree board/panel members.

Rebecca Koetter announced that TAP received notice on a ceremony on Smith Ave in District 3 to show appreciation to the trees that will be removed for the road improvement project.

The Panel continued a round table discussion on Emerald ash borer treatment outreach. Cy Kosel replied to the Education subcommittee’s three proposals and informed the Panel on the City’s stance for each. The City’s preferred proposal was a flier to be mailed out with next spring’s water bill. An example of information for the flier was passed around and the Panel discussed the flier’s contents and length. Members thought that the example needed some review and several members volunteered to work on the flier. Members expressed concern that while a flier for next year is great and something that should be pursued, something still should be done for this season. Rebecca Koetter was going to follow up with Rachel Coyle and continue their discussion of discounted private rates by the City’s public tree contractor. Leben McCormick brought examples of postcards that a private tree company has used for the panel to examine. The panel will continue to explore the sponsored postcard idea.

Jane Carlstrom brought to the Panel's attention an email request from a student at the University of Minnesota in a policy class seeking a response from TAP with regard to boundary law and its influence/enforcement on golf courses. The Education subcommittee was going to draft a response.

Karl Mueller announced the he was seeking volunteers to meet fifteen minutes early at 5:45pm to judge the winner for the annual elementary school poster contest. He also summarized the City's Arbor Month activities. Rebecca Koetter asked Karl to send a schedule of events to TAP so that they can share them on the TAP webpage.

MEMBER UPDATES:

Rebecca Koetter reminded the panel about the suggestions to Ward representatives handout and encourage Panel members to make a connection with their respective Ward leaders. Rebecca encouraged Gus Koutsouvas to share the Friends of Parks and Trails annual tree sale information with the Ward representatives.

Rebecca Koetter suggested that TAP add a blurb to next door informing people about the Friends of Parks and Trails annual tree sale.

Discussion for the Mayor's invitation to a TAP meeting was postponed to a later meeting.

Cy Kosel updated the Panel on Forestry issues including: Urban Forester Lauren Stufft leaving her position with the City and that Daniel Anderson will be taking over as planting coordinator; ash tree removal on Como and Phalen golf courses are mostly complete with the trees removed but some cleanup remained; and that Forestry was working with golf course management on a replanting plan.

Cy Kosel Asked the Panel to vote on whether or not TAP would support the City in disallowing large banners being hung from boulevard trees. The Panel voted in favor of the City no longer allowing the permitting of said banners.

ADJOURNED: 7:35 PM