

TREE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: March 9th, 2017 **LOCATION**: Oxford Recreation Center

PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE:			
□COUNCIL WARD 1 -	SARAH JARMAN	⊠ BUSINESS -	REBECCA KOETTER (CHAIR)
☐COUNCIL WARD 2 -	VACANT	oxtimes Friends of Parks & Trails -	JEANNE WEIGUM
Council Ward 3 -	GREG NAYMAN	☐ Parks Commission -	VACANT
Council Ward 4 -	EMILY MUMFORD	\square Parks & Recreation, Design -	Dave Ronzani
☐COUNCIL WARD 5 -	VACANT	☑ Parks & Recreation, Forestry -	CY KOSEL
Council Ward 6 -	CATHERINE SMITH	oxtimes Parks & Recreation, Forestry -	Daniel Anderson
☑COUNCIL WARD 7 -	DAVID MURPHY	☐ PRIVATE TREE SERVICE -	JONATHAN HEATON (VICE-CHAIR)
		☑ PRIVATE TREE SERVICE -	LEBEN MCCORMICK
☐AT LARGE MEMBER -	JANE CARLSTROM	☑ University of Minnesota -	CHAD GIBLIN

GUESTS: Shannon Crabtree

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

MINUTES REVIEWED: February 9th minutes were reviewed and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rebecca Koetter announced that TAP sent a letter of support for Tree Trust to aid in their application for a tree planting grant from the Laura Jane Musser Fund to plant trees in St Paul's public spaces. Cy Kosel commented that Forestry has worked with Tree Trust on many projects with great success.

It was asked and answered that non-TAP members could be involved with and participate on advisory committees and their activities.

It was put to vote, and approved, that the meeting length be extended from sixty minutes to seventy-five minutes.

Edits for the TAP bylaws were briefly brought up and discussed with the conclusion being that the current bylaws would be sent out with the proposed edits highlighted.

Priorities for the group for 2017 were discussed. Members were asked to consider being on one of the current TAP committees. A "How To" guide was discussed as a priority to bring new members up to speed on what they can do, and how they can do it, as a TAP member.

Jeanne Weigum proposed a committee to look at city policies to review and make suggestions where appropriate.

Rebecca detailed what the education and outreach committee has done in the past, such as trivia nights and updating the website and asked for volunteers to assist. Chad Giblin volunteered to be on the committee.

2016 accomplishments were handed out and members were asked to review them and suggest any accomplishments that were not on the list.

Lauren Stufft, the Forestry Natural Resource Technician, gave a presentation on the city boulevard planting program that she is overseeing for 2017.

MEMBER UPDATES:

Rebecca Koetter announced that the TAP Facebook page has over 200 likes.

Emily Mumford talked about the "Day on the Hill" were concerned professionals met with representatives to discuss issues and funding with regard to emerald ash borer and other needs in the urban forest.

Leben McCormick talked about his neighbor's interest in flagging the ash trees in their neighborhood with the green EAB ribbon that the city has been using. He picked up the ribbon and said that he will update TAP on the group's progress.

ADJOURNED: 7:20 PM