



TREE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: April 13th, 2017

LOCATION: Oxford Recreation Center

PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 1 -	SARAH JARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS -	REBECCA KOETTER (CHAIR)
<input type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 2 -	VACANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS OF PARKS & TRAILS -	JEANNE WEIGUM
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 5 -	VACANT	<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 checked="" 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: Karl Mueller; Brenda Danner; Chris Soutter; Danielle Tesmer (MSA); U of MN students

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:04 PM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL BUSINESS:

Karl Mueller was the guest speaker and talked about Arbor Day, Saint Paul’s Arbor Month, and past and current education and outreach activities. Karl discussed the poster contest, with four to five hundred kids from seven schools participating, which has a different annual theme. Karl talked about the different Arbor Day activities including planting and cleanup at Horton park on April 28th and a larger planting event on April 29th at Marydale Park with Tree Trust.

Leben McCormick mentioned to the panel that Minneapolis will be having an Arbor Day event in the afternoon and evening of April 28th at Hiawatha Park.

Greg Nayman discussed the Ford Plant site restoration and development plan and encourage all members to participate in any of the discussions and meetings about the site. Greg talked about the proposed plans and the need for the City and for citizens to be involved with tree selection and site plan conversation.

There was a brief discussion about other areas in the city that may be subject to large development projects with Boy’s Totem Town being mentioned. Cy Kosel mentioned that part District 1 is the only area in the city that has a tree protection ordinance.

Jeanne Weigum asked for information about the trees that were removed at the Hmong market. Cy Kosel explained about the parking lot expansion project for the market and the situation were the developer and his contractor had miscommunicated; resulting in some city trees being removed without permission. No final decision had been made about restitution to the city at the time of the meeting.

Cy Kosel announced that there would be a National Climate Adaptation Forum held in Saint Paul at the RiverCenter from May 9th through the 11th. Dan Anderson announced that in conjunction with the forum trees were placed in the gravel bed in front of the Science Museum and will be planted in Lower Landing Park on May 8th.

Cy Kosel announced that Forestry would be applying for a grant from the National Football League to plant trees in a city park.

Cy Kosel talked about some ongoing discussions between citizens on Mt Curve and the City regarding ash tree removals.

Chris Soutter, asked about the MailChimp mailing list progress; which is that the account is active but no lists have been created. Cy Kosel advised that City website has contact information for all Ward and District Council members.

It was announced that Chad Giblin will speak at the May meeting about tree tubes and Allison Cotton will speak at the June meeting about several UMN research projects. Adam Robbins, Environmental Coordinator for the City, was suggested as a future guest speaker.

There was an open discussion about the role of TAP and its members. Leben McCormick talked about how members should be in contact with the District Council and Ward offices so that they know to contact the TAP members for advice and answers on tree related questions. TAP members were advised that there is often a lot of turnover with the council offices and as such members should maintain in contact. David Murphy suggested a pamphlet to be dropped off at the offices summarizing who TAP is and what TAP can do for the councils.

The joint meeting with the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission was discussed and Rebecca Koetter or Jonathan Heaton will make contact and suggest a joint meeting for August, September, or October.

Bylaws were discussed and unanimously approved for 2017.

MEMBER UPDATES:

Rebecca Koetter talked about an article titled "How to Hire and Arborist" that she sent the City to be part of the Natural Resources Newsletter. Due to the format limitations for the newsletter, the article will be brief but with a link to a more extensive article on the TAP site.

Rebecca Koetter discussed the ongoing interest in EAB and the articles in the Crocus Hill newsletter, the villager, the Star Tribune, and the Pioneer Press were mentioned. For an outreach activity, TAP members were going to flag ash trees in parks with EAB informational green tape before the annual park cleanup in Saint Paul.

ADJOURNED: 7:22 pm