



TREE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: September 14th, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 2 -	BRENDA DANNER	<input 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA -	CHAD GIBLIN

GUESTS: Sjana Schanning – USFS Urban FIA

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:07 PM

MINUTES REVIEWED: August 10th minutes were reviewed and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL BUSINESS:

Sjana Schanning from the US Forest Service was the guest speaker and gave a talk titled “Urban Forest Inventory & Analysis.” Jennifer Corcoran has worked with Sjana through her role with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and introduced her to the panel. Sjana has worked for the USFS for over 15 years and has been collecting data for the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program. Sjana stated that FIA aims to quantify and qualify the change in forest type and condition through sampling of the same locations over time. Traditionally FIA has not measured areas that were classified as urban but in 2014 the USFS began including these areas into the FIA data set. Sjana mentioned that today approximately 68 million urban acres are included. Sjana explained to the panel the process of collecting the data and what possible uses it can have for management and for understanding large scale forest changes. Sjana also mentioned that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is supplying funds to greatly increase the amount of samples taken in Minnesota to ensure robust and timely data.

Leben McCormick announced that on September 20th a Saluting Branches event was going to be held at Fort Snelling Nation Cemetery. Saluting Branches is the largest one day volunteer event in the tree industry with over 2000 volunteers doing around \$10 million dollars of work.

Rebecca Koetter led the panel in “Points of Discussion.” The panel discussed issues around saving “historic” ash. Panel members were in support of the idea in general but several concerns were discussed as well, such as: what constitutes a historic ash tree; many large ash trees that might qualify as historic are in poor condition simply due to their age; and often, drawing attention to the large old trees also draws attention to their condition that might lead to their removal. The panel then had a general discussion on the pros of treating more ash with the consensus being that the more that can be

treated the better. Panel members discussed the seemingly lack of knowledge and understanding of the ash problems by the residents of the city. Methods to increase awareness were discussed and Rebecca Koetter proposed a subcommittee could be created to look for some solutions.

Having TAP create a presence on Nextdoor was discussed and panel members were interested and a brief discussion followed on what the site is and can do.

MEMBER UPDATES:

Rebecca Koetter updated the panel on communication efforts for tap and asked if any members would be interested in assisting. Jane Carlson volunteered to check the TAP email and Catherine Smith volunteered to look after the TAP Facebook.

Mike Bahe was announced as next month's guest speaker and will be speaking on the use of drones in urban forestry.

Rebecca Koetter sought suggestions for future guests.

ADJOURNED: 7:25 PM