



TREE ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 12th, 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 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 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: Mike Bahe – U of MN Researcher

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

MINUTES REVIEWED: September 14th minutes were reviewed and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mike Bahe a graduate student and researcher with the University of Minnesota presented on his study using aerial drones to image small tree canopies for health and vitality. Mike is looking to compare and contrast canopy health assessments on newly planted tree by root stock type; i.e. bare-root, B&B, and containerized. To accomplish this the aerial drone hovers over the target tree and uses a camera to capture near infrared images of the tree canopy. Mike will monitor and photograph his study trees for three years and compile all the data to determine if this technique can be used to quickly and accurately assess canopy health, and in conjunction tree health.

Rebecca Koetter led the panel in “Points of Discussion.” The Panel discussed how TAP is doing working with a diverse audience and if there were ways to improve dissemination of information. The Panel discussed ideas like having posts or articles translated into multiple languages, getting informed on the prominent cultures represented in St Paul, and connecting immigrant populations to the natural world. Members were asked to think about how TAP can better relay important information.

MEMBER UPDATES:

Rebecca updated the Panel on her efforts with the TAP Facebook page. Information with regard to EAB was updated and reviewed by Rachel Coyle from Forestry. Through this review and discussion Rebecca was able to alert Forestry that the links on an EAB informational PDF were not functional; the pdf has been fixed. Rebecca announced the EAB treatment videos that were being prepared for the TAP website have lost their editor as Sam is no longer available. Chad Giblin notified the Panel that he will have

students coming on staff that could help with the process and get the videos completed and posted by 2018 treatment season.

Catherine Smith was not able to review Twitter for this meeting but indicated that she would be able to investigate its viability for TAP by the November meeting.

Emily Mumford informed the Panel that she has create a business on the Nextdoor site for TAP and would like members to recommend the business so that it becomes visible on the site. All TAP members are encouraged to explore Nextdoor as a medium to get information out to their neighborhoods.

Cy Kosel issued the Forestry update to the Panel.

Philip Potyondy, Minneapolis Park and Rec Board, Sustainable Forestry Coordinator, will be the guest speaker.

ADJOURNED: 7:20 pm