



Tree Advisory Panel

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: October 13th, 2016

LOCATION: Oxford Recreation Center

PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leben McCormick, Council Ward 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric North, University of Minnesota
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Soutter, Council Ward 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Gehlhar, Chair, At Large Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloria Zaiger, Council Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Heaton, Private Tree Service
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Spears, Vice Chair, Council Ward 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Koetter, Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Council Ward 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Erick Goodlow, Parks Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Council Ward 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Ronzani, Parks & Recreation—Design
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Council Ward 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Anderson, Forestry/Panel Facilitator
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Weigum, Friends of Parks & Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Emily Mumford, Private Tree Service

ADDITIONAL FORESTRY STAFF: Cy Kosel

GUESTS: Catherine Smith

Meeting Called To Order: 6:06 pm

Review Minutes: Minutes of September TAP meeting reviewed; approved

Announcements:

Two applications for open panel positions were reviewed for Ward 7, David Murphy, and Ward 1, Sarah Jarman. The applications were reviewed and discussed and the panel decided to invite the applicants to the next TAP meeting. Jen made a motion and Rebecca seconded it to send the applications to Cy Kosel for approval by Parks and Recreation.

Catherine Smith was a guest at the meeting and was interested in applying for Ward 6. Catherine gave a brief self-introduction stating that she works for Outdoor Labs, has experience in urban forestry, and graduated for the U of MN.

Barb Spears mentioned the November 15th and 16th climate change workshop, “Preparing Urban Forests in the Twin Cities for Climate Change” hosted by the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee to be held in St Louis Park.

Forestry Update: None

Member Updates:

Barb Spears reminded the panel about the 1.7 million dollar budget allocation for managing EAB. Barb passed out a fact sheet with council member contact information and advised the panel that the budget will be voted on by December 7th. The panel members were encouraged to contact their council members and Barb included example email and letter content.

Chris Soutter announced that the next tree trivia event would be at Wabash Brewery on Wednesday the 19th at 7pm. Wabash Brewery was going to give a \$10 gift certificate to the winners. Chris enquired

about the availability of portable microphone to which Cy said that he would check if there was one available through Parks and Recreation. Jen Gehlhar suggested a signup sheet for participants to more easily allow for announcements of future events. Chris asked that the TAP display be available for pickup.

Rebecca Koetter stated that updates are being made to the TAP Facebook page and would like everyone to review and suggest additional content.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:54 pm