



TREE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: November 9th, 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 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 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 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: Philip Potyondy, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Sustainable Forestry Coordinator

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

MINUTES REVIEWED: October 12th minutes were reviewed and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL BUSINESS:

Philip Potyondy, the Sustainable Forestry Coordinator for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, was the guest speaker and presented “Designing Through Diversity – Minneapolis Street and Park Tree Approach.” Philip spoke on the history of tree planting in Minneapolis and discussed the different philosophies that have been followed. Boulevard and park tree planting in Minneapolis has evolved from single species planting to block by block diversity and finally to diversity by local groupings. Today, while being conscious of the larger city-wide forest, plantings are based on single street and block scale ensuring limited repetition of genus and species; if three to five species of the same genera are already represented on a block then that genera is not planted. Philip talked about education as being an important part of their planting process. Citizens are informed about the planted tree via door-hangers and online information and planting crews are given cards that explains the planting scheme. A key point to Philips presentation was that tree planting is a multigenerational obligation to make the urban forest better.

Rebecca led the Panel in “Points of Discussion” and discussed Philips presentation and if anything presented could be used to help Saint Paul residents. The Panel discussed the Minneapolis approach to block/street diversity in planting and were impressed with the various layers of diversity for the city-wide planning. The idea of tree planting as being a multiple generation responsibility resonated with the Panel as well.

MEMBER UPDATES:

Greg Nayman updated the Panel on the current state of the Ford plant construction plan. Greg talked about how the redevelopment has become a political “hot potato” and that citizen input appears to have been marginalized. Greg encouraged people to stay aware of the ongoing process and get involved if possible.

Rebecca asked for updates from the Education subcommittee. Emily Mumford updated the Panel on the group’s NextDoor presence. Emily asked for all members to join NextDoor and recommend the group so that it can be viewed by as many residents as possible. Currently twenty-five thousand Saint Paul residents can see posts by TAP on the site.

Chad Giblin updated the Panel on the ash injection initiative and discussed how the focus should be on the neighborhood level and that he would work on getting information available for residents.

Rebecca announced that the December meeting would be the holiday meeting and it would be held at her home.

The guest speaker for January will be Ken Holman with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

ADJOURNED: 7:22 PM