



Tree Advisory Panel

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: November 10th, 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 type="checkbox"/> Christine Soutter, Council Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, 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, Acting 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Weigum, Friends of Parks & Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Mumford, Private Tree Service

ADDITIONAL FORESTRY STAFF: Cy Kosel

GUESTS: Jane Carlstrom

Meeting called to order: 6:05 pm

Review Minutes: Minutes for the October TAP meeting were reviewed; approved

Announcements:

Two items were added to the agenda:

- December meeting and party location and time discussion
- Discussion on TAP leadership, now and for the next year
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Barb Spears announced that due to various circumstances that Jen Gehlhar was stepping down as the chair of TAP and was vacating the At Large Member seat and that Barb would be Acting Chair for the remainder of the year.

Barb Spears reminded the Panel about sending a letter to their Ward representative about supporting the extra funding for EAB.

Eric North announced that the information for the December 15th MnSTAC forum and holiday potluck is up on the MnSTAC website.

Location for the December 8th meeting was discussed and Emily Mumford was going to investigate whether or not she could host the gathering.

Panel members were reminded about Barb leaving tap and were asked to think about panel leadership.

Forestry Update:

Cy Kosel briefly talked about what the increased funding for EAB project would be used for including the bids for tree removal in city golf courses and in city parks. Cy gave information about the scoring system

that was used to aid in the decision making process. The Panel has asked that the scoring be shared with the group.

Member Updates:

Chris Soutter (via Rebecca Koetter) updated the group on the tree trivia last month at Wabasha Brewing Company and suggested that TAP send official thank you letters to the hosts.

Eric North talked about the tree trivia event and rated it a success with 35 to 40 people participating in the event. Chris had a sign-up sheet at the event and Eric created a MailChimp account for TAP to more easily track and share information on events to participants. After some discussion about future events and alternative activities Eric expressed an interest in a TED talk format.

Rebecca Koetter asked about Facebook and how the panel would like to proceed with its use and sharing of the content with Jen no longer being involved. The Panel discussed storage of data and pictures and Cy suggested that members send copies of all data to Dan Anderson to be backed up by the City. Rebecca reminded the group about submitting an article for the Natural Resources Newsletter and that the due date is December 13th. Erik suggested a short article linking to other TAP content. Rebecca requested that all panel members send her a short biography and picture to be added the TAP site.

Meeting was adjourned: 7:10 pm