



TREE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: December 14th, 2017

LOCATION: Prosperity Ave, Maplewood

| PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE: | | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL WARD 1 - | SARAH JARMAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS - | REBECCA KOETTER (CHAIR) |
| <input 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 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: Many

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:24 PM

MINUTES REVIEWED: November 9th minutes were reviewed and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL BUSINESS:

The December meeting was the TAP Holiday meeting/party held at Rebecca Koetter’s residence. Thank you, Rebecca!

Rebecca Koetter led a discussion about questions that TAP received with regard to pruning. There was a general discussion about how and why the trees on the boulevards are trimmed. TAP asked if Forestry could develop a blurb to explain the training/experience that the City tree crews have to help alleviate citizen concerns about competency. Cy Kosel responded that Forestry will review our current information, discuss the idea internally, and let TAP know of any changes in the future.

Cy Kosel updated the panel on a DNR grant that the City has received to aid in the replacement of ash trees because of EAB. Cy also discussed the challenges with the city pruning cycle due constraints from EAB, complaint calls, safety concerns, such as clearing stop signs, etc. Cy asked that TAP members remember to discuss the importance of the pruning cycle to fellows, citizens, and politicians.

The Education committee held a conference call with Jim Vaughan, Natural Resources Coordinator for the City of St. Louis Park, to discuss how to better engage communities for education and outreach especially for EAB. Rebecca Koetter relayed that they had a great conversation and that there are several ideas that TAP might be able expand upon and utilize.

ADJOURNED: 7:05 PM