



Tree Advisory Panel

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: June 9th, 2016

LOCATION: Parks and Recreation Forestry Office, 1120 Hamline Ave North, Saint Paul

PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Council Ward 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric North, U of M
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leben McCormick, Private Tree Service
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Spears, Vice Chair, Council Ward 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Heaton, Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Council Ward 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Erick Goodlow, Parks Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Koetter, 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	

ADDITIONAL FORESTRY STAFF: Cy Kosel; Shawn Locke

GUESTS:

Meeting called to order: 6:08 PM

Review Minutes: Minutes of May TAP meeting reviewed; approved

Announcements:

- Daniel Anderson was introduced as the new Forestry representative.
- New TAP member application for Emily Mumford was reviewed, voted on, and approved. Barb Spears will contact Emily and discuss available panel openings. Emily will be invited to the July meeting.
- Joint meeting with Minneapolis in July was discussed. Jen Gehlhar was going to finalize time and location.
- Eric North announced that Gary Johnson, University of Minnesota Department of Forest Resources Extension Professor and former TAP Chair, was awarded the Frederick Law Olmsted Award by the Arbor Day Foundation (<https://www.arborday.org/programs/Awards/2016/?award=olmsted>). It was suggested that the panel should get a card to congratulate Gary and for the award video to be linked to on the TAP Facebook site.
- Barb Spears asked the panel for suggestions or ideas for future meeting agendas and for those ideas to be forwarded to Jen Gehlhar.
- The panel discussed current and future planting projects and the planting at Pleasant Place on June 25th was mentioned.
- EAB letter to Mike Holm, Parks and Recreation Director, was briefly discussed as having been completed, signed, and sent.

Forestry Update:

- Lower Landing Friendship Forest planting was summarized.
- Shawn Locke, Assistant Forestry Supervisor, gave a tour of the Forestry shop after the meeting.

- A brief description was given for the Natural Resource's improvement project near the Forestry shop and the new gravel bed and the project planting was included in the tour.

Member Updates:

- Barb Spears updated the panel on the Hamline Neighborhood grant application, through the PCA, for a pilot project on providing financial assistance on residential ash tree treatment or replacement.
- Chris Soutter updated the panel on outreach activities including:
 - Tree Trivia nights by Eric North
 - TAP interest in an article in the City's Natural Resource Quarterly newsletter and Cy Kosel was going to forward the newsletter publishing schedule to Chris
 - The TAP display at the Arbor Day celebration was briefly discussed and deemed successful. It was suggested that the display should be brought to one of the meetings for review.

Bylaws:

- Bylaws were mentioned as approved and signed.

Adjourn: 7:06 PM