



Tree Advisory Panel

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: September 8th, 2016

LOCATION: Oxford Recreation Center

PANEL MEMBERS & ATTENDANCE:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leben McCormick, Council Ward 1	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Gloria Zaiger, Council Ward 3	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Mumford, Private Tree Service

ADDITIONAL FORESTRY STAFF: None

GUESTS: None

Meeting called to order: 6:05 pm

Review Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved for the June 9th, July 14th, and August 11th meetings.

Announcements:

Ward representatives were adjusted through a unanimous vote by the panel members to the following: Leben McCormick is now representing Ward 1; Rebecca Koetter is now representing Business; John Heaton is now representing Private Tree Service; and Emily Mumford is representing Private Tree Service until January when she will represent Ward 4.

Barb Spears introduced Emily Mumford to the group and discussed her expected date for relinquishing the Ward 2 representative seat at the end of this year. Emily announced her intention to assume the Ward 2 seat at that time and to serve as a second Private Tree Service seat in the meantime.

Rebecca Koetter announced that she had moved out of Saint Paul and could no longer be the representative for Ward 6. Through panel discussion and vote Rebecca was installed as the Business representative leaving the Ward 6 seat open.

Chris Soutter announced that her term ends in March of 2017 as the Ward 2 representative. It was suggested by the group that Jen Gehlhar could assume that role at that time, opening the At Large Member seat.

Forestry Update:

Dan Anderson reminded the group about the upcoming planting in Como Park on the 24th of September.

Member Updates:

Barb Spears discussed the subcommittee for legislative affairs for MnSTAC and the ash tree preservation program bus tour on September 22nd. Barb also announced that the general membership meeting for MnSTAC is on September 15th.

Barb Spears asked members to contact their City Council Ward Representatives and stress the importance of funding the EAB program. Chris Souter reminded the group that a template letter should be developed that maintained a consistent message from panel members to council members. Dan Anderson handed out a City fact sheet on current and projected EAB project numbers.

A response to the editorial in the Pioneer Press was discussed and it was determined that a direct response would be untoward. It was suggested that the members could post a general article on the TAP Facebook page discussing why trees are marked for removal within the City.

Barb Spears requested the use of the new TAP display board for the Hamline Elementary Fall Festival on October 1st.

Chris Soutter mentioned that the Wabasha Brewing Company and Taproom would be a good location for Tree Trivia

Bylaws: Bylaws reviewed for restrictions to membership on the panel before the vote to rearrange panel members.

Adjourn: 7:22 pm