

MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2014
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD

Meeting was called to order by David Vandergriff at 8:35 a.m. Board Members present were David Vandergriff, Sam Adams, Beth MacDonald, Dale Madden, Liz Hannah, Craig Walker, and Brian Campbell.

Ex officio members present were Kasey Krouse, City Urban Forester, Liz Albertson, MPC, David McGinley, City Stormwater Engineering and Anne Wallace, Policy & Redevelopment, and Tom Simpson, State Forestry. Visiting with the Tree Board was Tom Welborn, and Douglas Godbee.

Motion was made by Craig Walker to approve the March minutes, and Liz Hannah seconded.

The following are action items for the May Tree Board Meeting:

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Discuss various aspects of 2007 Street Tree Master Plan, as it pertains to our Urban Forestry Program. (This will complete the assessment of all three programs).	Kasey Krouse	5/1/14
Community educational meetings: Topics of discussion, brochures, facilitators, etc.	Kasey Krouse	TBD
KKB Beautification Mob- Invitation/request to assist in planting trees within the city.	Patrick Beasley/ Kasey Krouse	05/01/14
Education Report: Arbor Day	Brian Campbell	05/01/14

*Completed items are shaded in gray and will be removed after the next meeting.

City Update: Kasey Krouse talked about the upcoming April 9th dedication of Talahi Park. Renovations to the park look good. 4" caliper European Hornbeam trees were planted to replace the female Ginkgos. They also mitigated inch for inch every tree removed, and the trees will be replanted in another part of the community. There will also be an inaugural Dogwood planting in Sequoyah Hills.

April 7th is the meeting date for the Whitehouse Council for Climate Change. Office of Sustainability will lead tours around South Knoxville for groups attending the meeting. Kasey will play a role in this. Afterwards there will be a roundtable discussion at the Baker Building at UT.

Market Square renovation is almost complete. We're awaiting the addition of benches.

The Tree Ordinance goes before City Council on April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

The Arbor Day celebration is on April 25th. Mayor Rogero will attend to say a few words and present the Tree City USA Proclamation. The Urban Forestry Crew will also be on hand to receive recognition for their hard work and dedication.

Earth Fest is April 26th at the Worlds Fair Park. Kasey has received trees from the State, and is requesting volunteers to assistance in bagging the trees for this event.

North Hills plant sale, and the Ijams Nature Center plant sale are also scheduled for April 26th.

Davey Plan Report: Kasey and committee members met to review the goals and objectives of the plan, and see where we are. The group plans to meet discuss the 2007 STMP during the upcoming month. This should conclude the reviews of the various plans, and will hopefully get us closer to having a plan in place that encompasses the items and recommendations of all three plans.

Liz Albertson acknowledged that in reviewing the Davey Report, we have made notable accomplishments thus far.

David Vandergriff mentioned that he would like to see the Tree Board become more involved in educating the community about the importance of trees and our organization. Some of the ideas discussed were neighborhood meetings, lunch and learn events, and outreach programs with garden clubs. David Massey's neighborhood bulletin may also be a good resource to learn about and connect with various neighborhood meetings.

Kasey Krouse asked Board members to come back next month and we would have a full discussion about ways to become more involved with community and groups. He asked everyone to put together a brief write-up that includes a list of topics for discussions and training sessions. He would like to review the pamphlets and brochures that we have on hand, and consider new materials that we may want to add. We will also need facilitators.

Ann Wallace suggested that over the next couple of months, we work to put together our speaking information, and hopefully, by July we will be able to make ourselves available to community groups.

It was also suggested that we look at websites, such as treesaregood.com, and other tree related websites for information and suggestions.

Ann Wallace reported that Phase I bids for the Cumberland Ave Corridor Plan are in, and will be going to Council this month.

Education Report: Brian discussed Arbor Day. He's picked up the posters, and brought them for the Board to judge after today's meeting. Ms. Holt and Fountain City Elementary are looking forward to the program. Will need to get presentation information to her so that they can complete the programs, and get our presenters together. They may need volunteers to help set up, and hand out programs.

Craig Walker brought up a discussion about alternative uses of brush. The City collects a large amount of brush that goes to a place to be chipped and turned into mulch, and wondered if there are any ideas on how we could make better use of our tree refuse. Kasey asked the tree board for ideas. References were made to the Creative Wood Waste program in Chattanooga. Many options were discussed. It was acknowledged that there are two different sides of this program to consider, one would be to look at other ways to make use of "good" brush, and disposal of other waste from trees. Brush removal is very important to City residents, and we need to find ways to become more efficient and resourceful at it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.