

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
APRIL 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Tom Welborn at 8:35 a.m. Other board members present were Nick Bridgeman, Dale Madden, Anna Toon, Beth MacDonald, Craig Walker, and Tracy Polite-Johnson.

Ex officio members present were David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, David Vandergriff, UT Ag Extension, Liz Albertson, MPC, Tim Hester, Parks & Recreation, and Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry.

Visiting today was Chase Giebner of Bartlett Tree Experts in Johnson City, TN.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	04/06/17
Education Report Brochure and Upcoming Events	Nick Bridgeman	04/06/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	04/06/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Tree planting season went well. Will renew the planting contract with B & B for next year.
- Zaevion Dobson Park planting went well, and had a quite a bit of media coverage. About 18 trees were installed. To assist with the planting were master gardeners, volunteers, members of Trees Knoxville, and the Urban Forestry crew.
- Kasey and Sam presented the State of Urban Forestry report to Council. The report was well received. The Board will move ahead with the redevelopment of the Tree Protection Ordinance, Article II. Kasey hopes to get together soon and begin working on this.
- In conjunction with Trees Knoxville, KUB, and others, there will be a Volunteer Forestry Program at the end of the month. This program is open to the public. Currently there are about 20 people signed up to participate in this 5 week education and training program, which will meet every Monday from 6 until 9 p.m. at different locations around the City. Some of the topics discussed will be tree planting, maintenance, pruning, diagnostics and tree health.
- Several large historic trees, including the very large Hackberry, in the Lakeshore Park area were lost due to hail damage from the recent storm. He's hoping to be able to save some that were not completely destroyed.

Education Committee Report by Nick Bridgeman

- Nick thanked those that worked on the 10 Trees Brochure.
- Two events scheduled: Earthfest at Botanical Gardens, and WaterFest at Ijams next month. Nick shared instructions for the Earthfest event, and requested volunteers to man booths, and help wrap trees.

- WaterFest is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th. Will do the same activities for the children as last year. Nick will meet with the Education Committee on April 20th.
- Arbor Day will be discussed and planned after the WaterFest event. He asked the Board to recommend schools to host the event on the first Friday in November.
- KUB had four crews out working storms last night at the height of the storms, and three more were called out this morning. Cleanup will continue through the bigger part of the day today.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Their 501C3 has been approved and Trees Knoxville is now official recognized as a nonprofit.
- The group participated in the UT Arbor Day planting event. Eight to nine hundred trees were planted along the 2nd Creek Greenway.
- Canopy for Campuses: Tom and Kasey met with Russ Oaks from Knox County schools to further discuss the program for planting trees at Knox County Schools. They discussed the possibility of one or two plantings this spring. A major donation was received from Pattison Sign Company to assist in the endeavor.
- Tom spoke of the Neighborhood Conference, and how the combination of having the Tree Board and Trees Knoxville together really helped to solve a lot of issues and concerns from both City and County residents.
- Kasey and Tom met with KCDC concerning planting on their properties, and maintenance of existing trees. Tom and Kasey will be working towards developing a plan to assist them with their planting and maintenance.
- Trees Knoxville has been working with Dogwood Arts identifying heritage trees, champion trees, and interesting trees. These trees can currently be view on the Dogwood Arts website, and will be on the Trees Knoxville website soon.

Other Business

- Nick Bridgeman would like to have a spot on the agenda to discuss KUB's vegetation management practices.
- Nick also gave the guest speaker lineup and agenda for the TUFC conference which will be held in Knoxville this year in October.
- Kasey is doing an Instagram for Trees Knoxville.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.