

MINUTES  
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015

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The meeting was called to order by Sam Adams at 8:35 a.m. Other board members present were David Vandergriff, Tom Welborn, Liz Hannah, Tracie Hellwinckel, Syreeta Vaughn, and Craig Walker.

Ex officio members present were Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center, David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, and Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry.

Visiting with the Tree Board was Betsy Pickle of South Knox Shopper News.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Action Items for February Meeting	Responsibility	Target Date
City Update	Kasey Krouse	02/05/15
Tree Foundation Exploratory Meeting	Sam Adams	02/05/15

*\*Shaded items will be removed after next meeting.*

**City Update** by Kasey Krouse

Tree planting is wrapping up. Less than ten trees left to plant. Doing final planting inspections now, and will likely continue contract with AvaLawn for next season. He will be meeting with the Mayor at the end of February to discuss the Urban Forestry Program Progress Report, and get approval to send this to Council.

Demolition at Lakeshore will be wrapping up sometime in March. Redevelopment project will begin immediately afterwards.

Kasey informed the Board that our grant money has been approved. He requested that the members submit ideas for equipment, educational materials, and/or ideas for board and interactive displays. Sam suggested that the Education Committee should discuss expanding the table top display and education material display in general at the next meeting.

Members will set up a booth at the Dogwood Arts House and Garden Show. Parking passes and display materials were discussed.

Saturday, March 7, 2015 is the date for The Neighborhood Conference at the Knoxville Convention Center. Kasey will be there representing the City, and he encouraged that the Board members, and especially those who represent their community or neighborhood associations be there as well.

Tennessee River Tour- Living Lands and Waters will taking barges down the Tennessee River for the first time ever throughout April and May of 2015 for a major cleanup project. There will be various educational activities available as well. Kasey will send out more information, and has also encouraged Board members to get involved with this activity as well.

**Tree Foundation Exploratory Meeting** by Sam Adams

Sam reported that the meeting was very productive. There were about fifteen attendees. Kasey gave a presentation about what a tree foundation can look like, based on research from other foundations around the country. There was a brain storming session that produced interesting ideas about what a tree foundation could do for Knoxville. Another session is scheduled for March 4, 2015 at Ijams Nature Center.

David Vandergriff reported that Kasey has given his third presentation at the Grounds Management Short Course. He gave Kasey kudos for being well received by the professional community, and was given high praise for his accomplishments with the Urban Forestry Program with the City of Knoxville.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.