

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
JULY 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Sam Adams at 8:30 a.m. Other board members present were Craig Walker, Nick Bridgeman, Curtis Casciano, Tom Welborn, Tracy Polite-Johnson, and Anna Toon.

Ex officio members present were David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, Tom Simpson, State Forestry, Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry, Nick St. Sauveur, Cortese Tree Specialist, and Tim Hester, Parks and Recreation.

Visiting with the Tree Board was Urban Forestry Intern, Juneau Molchan.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	07/06/17
Education Report	Nick Bridgeman	07/06/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	07/06/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Kasey encouraged members to participate in the Recode Knoxville survey, and visit the website for updates.
- The TAEP grant application has been submitted, and is going before Council tonight.
- Kasey introduced his new intern, Juneau Mochan, a UT Forestry student. Juneau is continuing work on the tree inventory. He has currently completed an inventory of trees in public places. This work revealed that about 50% of our inventory of 40,000 trees has been planted since 2014. Another interesting fact is that the species by diameter are all under the size of 12", which means that we don't have a lot of large growing trees.
- Urban Forestry will be sending out neighborhood notification concerning tree plantings in front of their resident. The flyers will be going out in August, and planting will begin in November.

Education Committee Report by Nick Bridgeman

- Nick reminded us that Arbor Day is November 3rd, and the group will vote on posters at the November 2nd meeting. He hopes to have a more comprehensive report at the next meeting.
- Nick is also exploring new educational outreach avenues for connecting with the public. Kasey has made himself available for presentations, and has suggested that we consider partnering with Trees Knoxville on future events.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Trees Knoxville was the only environmental group that had a booth at the 5K run at UT. They signed up around 20 folks that want to receive their newsletter.
- The DOW grant has been submitted for \$20k, the TAEP grant for \$5k, and they should be receiving around \$6k from Three Rivers.
- Tom Welborn and Tom Simpson went out to the Racheff Garden Arboretum inspection. Racheff Garden will be applying for level 2 arboretum status soon.
- They have accepted a planting proposal for Beaumont Academy as part of the Canopy for Campuses initiative. They plan to plant 20 trees during the fall of the year at Beaumont. Also included is Sequoyah Elementary. Several more schools will be added to this planting project. Tom will send out a list of planting to the Board members.
- The next meeting for Trees Knoxville will be held at Ijams on July 12th at 2 p.m.

Other Business

- Sam reported on Phase II of the UT Streetscape project. Work will begin at the intersection of Pat Summit Blvd up Volunteer Blvd to the Torch Bearer. Lake Loudon Blvd to Peyton Manning Pass has been closed off to traffic during this work. The streetscape will eliminate all street side parking. Phase II design will be similar to Phase I, in that it will have bio-swells for storm water retention that will be planted with low growing plants in most of the swells, with tree pits interspersed in them, and planted medians. This phase will incorporate several more varieties of trees.
- Tree Campus USA application is moving along. Sam is finalizing the necessary paperwork to complete this process.
- Sam's group will also be exploring the possibility of becoming a Bee Campus USA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.