

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
MARCH 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Dale Madden at 8:30 a.m. Other board members present were Nick Bridgeman, Craig Walker, Jenny Arthur, Daniel Steinhoff, Andrew Caylor, Tom Welborn, Traci Hellwinckel, Tracy Polite-Johnson, and Anna Toon.

Ex officio members present were Diane Warwick, State Forestry; Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry; Tim Hester, Parks and Recreation; Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center; David McGinley, City Stormwater Engineering; and David Vandergriff, UT Ag Extension.

Action Items for March 2018

- February minutes were reviewed and approved.

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Tree planting is wrapping up, with only a dozen or so trees left to plant. Kasey encouraged members to start thinking about next year's tree request now.
- The first draft of Recode Knoxville is complete and should be available to the public soon. For more information, and to sign up for the newsletter, visit www.recodeknoxville.com.
- A reminder that the Neighborhood Conference will be held in Knoxville on March 24, 2018. Board members are encouraged to sign up to participate.
- ISA Southern Chapter Conference & Trade Show will be held in Memphis, TN, on March 24-27, 2018.
- The Tree Board Workshop will be held on April 24, 2018 from 8 a.m. until noon. This year's session will be held at the Public Works Complex on Morris Avenue. Paul Ries, President of the ISA International will be the facilitator for the meeting.

Education Committee & KUB Report by Nick Bridgeman

- Nick recommended that members sign up for the Neighborhood Conference, as the workshops will be beneficial to Tree Board members and their various community organizations.
- Earthfest will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 11 a.m. to 5p.m. at the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum. City Tree Board and Trees Knoxville will both have booths at this event.
- KUB is currently working in the Holston Hills neighborhood, and plans to work in the Lakeshore area next. The North Knox and Parkridge communities will see work later this year.

Arbor Day Report by Anna Toon

- Anna has contacted Susan Martin, Community School Coordinator, to extend an invitation to West View Elementary School to host this year's Arbor Day program.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Trees Knoxville has developed planting plans for New Hopewell, Mt. Olive, and Blue Grass Elementary Schools, and have submitted the plans to Russ Oaks for approval.
- Trees Knoxville has developed a position description for a part-time project manager. This person will handle volunteer coordination, and project planning and implementation. This position will be discussed further at the March board meeting.
- On February 12th, Tom gave a presentation about Trees Knoxville to the Ossoli Circle, and an update on grant progress.

- The funding for Sequoyah ash tree treatment, planned purchase of chemicals, equipment, and training of County staff has been finalized. Treatment is targeted for late March to early April.
- February 17th, Trees Knox and volunteers planted 62 street trees in Parkridge and Lonsdale communities. Funding was provide by a TAEP grant.
- Trees Knoxville audit report is concluded with committee input. The auditor recommended that donations should be deposited in a timely manner.
- The 250K tree event, held on February 24th, in support of Tennessee Environmental Council, with KBGA distributed around 1300 seedlings.
- Trees Knox is working with the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council to review Racheff Garden's application to become a Level II Arboretum.
- There will be around a dozen trees planted at Whittle Springs Middle School this coming Saturday at 9 a.m.

Other Business

- Kasey reported that Ijams has donated a trailer, which will be converted into a water wagon to assist, as needed, with watering trees that have been planted by the Tree Board and Trees Knoxville.
- The University Of Tennessee Knoxville was recently awarded Tree Campus USA status. They will hold their annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 27, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.