

MINUTES  
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD  
NOVEMBER 6, 2014

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The meeting was called to order by Sam Adams at 8:35 a.m. Other board members present were Craig Walker, Brian Campbell, Beth MacDonald, Dale Madden, Patrick Beasley, Kim Davis, and Syreeta Vaughn.

Ex officio members present were Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center, David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, Liz Albertson, Metropolitan Planning Committee, and Tom Simpson, State Forestry Division.

Visiting with the Tree Board was Tom Welborn of North Hills Community, Betsy Pickle of South Knox Shopper News, and Mark Wagner, Horticulture Services Manager.

Minutes from the September and October meetings were approved.

Action Items for November Meeting	Responsibility	Target Date
Nominees for Chair and Co-chair	Brian Campbell	11/06/14
City Update	Mark Wagner (in for Kasey Krouse)	11/06/14
Urban Forestry Plan – progress report	Liz Albertson	11/06/14

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

The Tree Board welcomed our newest member, Syreeta Vaughn, who will be filling the remainder of Rebekah Montgomery’s term. Syreeta is a Knoxville resident. She holds an undergraduate degree in geology, and a master’s degree in industrial engineering. Syreeta is employed by the Y-12 National Security Complex.

Nominating Committee by Brian Campbell

There were two candidates for our 2015 positions of Chair and Co-chair. Nominations were Sam Adams, for chair, and David Vandergriff, for co-chair. Vote was by show of hands to approve Sam Adams as chair, and also for David Vandergriff as co-chair.

City Update by Mark Wagner

Mark is sitting in for Kasey Krouse, who is at the Arbor Day Partners Conference. The annual tree pruning and mulching training is scheduled for November 14. Kasey is continuing to work on co-coordinating an electrical hazard awareness training program which will help protect our crews working around power lines. Tree planting will kick off this month. The first shipment will come in a week before Thanksgiving. This year’s budget is spent, so any other planting locations will have to be submitted for next year’s planting season.

Urban Forestry Plan Progress Report by Liz Albertson

There are a few revisions left for Kasey to make when he returns. He will then get with the review committee to look at again, and finalize by the end of December. This report will be updated annually, and will be available on the Tree Board’s website.

Old Business

By-law Revision: This action item from last month addressed the wording of what constitutes a quorum under Article V of the Tree Board’s by-laws. The current proposed change states that a “*Quorum for board meetings shall be a simple majority of voting members plus one*”. The law department’s recommendation is

that the wording be changed to a “*Quorum for board meetings shall be a simple majority of voting members.*” Members voted unanimously to approve the wording proposed by the law department.

Logos: Brian Campbell presented the finished logos to the Board. The logos will be used on future brochures, and other tree board related items and materials.

#### New Business

Sam Adams informed the board that David Vandergriff was contacted by Regina McNew, facility manager for Pellissippi State campuses, to get suggestions about trees and getting them placed at their campuses, specifically the Magnolia campus, which is located in the Park Ridge Community. David suggested that she apply for the Tree Campus USA grant. He will speak more about this at the next meeting.

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