

MINUTES  
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD  
NOVEMBER 3, 2016

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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, Tracie Hellwinckel, Beth MacDonald, Kenneth Townsend and Patrick Beasley.

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

\*\*\*Minutes from October were not available and will need to be accepted in the December meeting\*\*\*

Future Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
State of UF report	Kasey Krouse/ Sam Adams	01/30/17
Letter of support for EAB	David Vandergriff	01/30/17
Tree Board Elections	Sam Adams/ Tree Board	12/1/16

**City Update/Committee Report** by Kasey Krouse

- City is evaluating the current planting contract and see how best to proceed with the dry season. Discussed the possibility of cutting the contract in half or more in order to minimize maintenance needs and costs. Trees will not be available until December.
- City is working with UT and the Geography department to create an invasive species map for City properties. City wants to create an invasive species plan for managing these type of plants in the future.
- City wants to do a state of the urban forest report in January.

**Education Committee Report** by Nick Bridgeman

- Board members voted on the poster contest winners and Ben will take the names to the principal in the morning.
- Kasey has the frames for the poster contest winners.
- Beth has the bird houses for the winners.
- Arbor Day will start at 9:30 am and tree planting will take place after the ceremony. It would be good if all board members made it to the event by 9am. Entrance is through the back door.
- Special events will be setting up at 8 am and refreshments will be in the back of the room.

**Nominations and Elections:** Sam Adams

- Tom Wellborn nominated David Vandergriff to continue on the board as an Ex-officio member as part of UT extension. Beth MacDonald seconded and the motion carried.

- A discussion started about next month's election and it was mentioned that the Mayor typically only allows two-terms per member which puts Sam Adams in a bind if he were to be chosen to continue as the Chair. Tom Welborn made a motion that the board consider Sam to continue on as Board Chair with the possibility that his term may expire in 1 year. David Vandergriff seconded and the motion carried. Sam will be a consideration for Chair in December.
- There was also a nomination for Tom Wellborn to be Vice-chair and Tom accepted the nomination.

#### **Trees Knoxville Report** by Tom Welborn

- Tom reported that the tree give away will be postponed until December. The tree planting project is still on for December 3<sup>rd</sup> and volunteers are filling in nicely. Sam suggest Tom reach out to a fraternity or sorority for assistance as needed.

#### **Other Business**

- Tracie mentioned that the Permaculture Guild will be having a Permablitz on November 13<sup>th</sup> at SEEDS, and again on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at 3810 Knott Rd.
- David Vandergriff asked about the board getting a letter of support for EAB maintenance. Kasey mentioned that the letter may be better served when addressing Council for the State of the Urban Forest report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.