

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
MARCH 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Sam Adams at 8:35 a.m. Other board members present were Kenneth Townsend, Dale Madden, Anna Toon, Tom Welborn, Beth MacDonald, Curtis Casciano, and Traci Polite-Johnson.

Ex officio members present were Tom Simpson, State Forestry, David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center, David Vandergriff, UT Ag Extension, Nick St. Sauveur, Cortese Trees, and Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry.

The Board welcomes Tim Hester, City of Knoxville Parks and Greenway Coordinator, as our newest ex-officio member.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved with a motion by Tom Welborn and seconded by Dale Madden.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	03/02/17
Education Report Brochure and Upcoming Events	Nick Bridgeman	03/02/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	03/02/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Planting has wrapped up. Everything was in by March 1st, which should ensure that trees get some rain.
- Neighborhood Conference will be on Saturday, March 11th. There will be a Tree Board booth, and Kasey has requested that as many members get registered by March 7th in order to get lunch and breakfast.
- Kasey praised Kenneth Townsend for his work reformatting and condensing the State of the Urban Forestry Report to a single page report.
- Tree Board recommendations were presented to the Mayor, and she was very supportive. A team will be formulated to work on these recommendations, and in particular, revisions to the Tree Protection Ordinance. In an effort to maintain transparency, this team will be made up of several members of the public, along with a member of the Tree Board.
- Kasey reported on the ISA Southern Conference, that he and David attended. Kasey introduced the Board to a fascinating, and informative website created by the University of Washington. This website, <http://depts.washington.edu/hhwb/>, covers an array of topics related to what it calls Green Cities: Good Health.

Education Committee Report by Nick Bridgeman

- Beth talked about the finished copy of the 10 Trees brochure. Small changes to the brochure were discussed, and the final copy will be sent to print as soon as the updates are made.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- About 70 families and individuals showed up to pick up trees nearly 1400 trees at the giveaway.
- Tom and Kasey will be meeting with Russ Oaks to discuss Canopies for Campuses campaign. This program will put trees on Knox County school campuses. Tom has talked to several companies who are interested in supporting this endeavor.
- The group plans to reenergize the Champion Tree program. They have also identified about a dozen trees that will be featured in the Dogwood Arts Granddaddy Trees listing.

Other Business

- Sam reported that the first Friday of March is Tennessee Arbor Day. The UT campus will celebrate with a planting of about 800 seedlings on Second Creek, and volunteers are welcomed. Tom Simpson, State Forestry, will be officiating the ceremony.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.