

COMMUNITY FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

March 12, 2019

Members Present: Eric North, Chair; Andy Campbell; Scott Hofeling; Emily Casper, Kendall Weyers and Jessica Gieseke

Members Absent: Mary Sweeney, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Lynn Johnson, Lorri Grueber, Chris Myers and Janet Ball

Staff Absent:

Chair, Eric North called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. He pointed out the Open Meeting Act posted on the wall. Scott made a motion to approve the February minutes, Andy seconded, voted minutes approved.

Public Comments: We had four guest, LeAnn Gamet, with UNL Communications; Erin Chambers, a UNL Student and Lachel Bradley-Williams with the Arbor Day Foundation; and Kaitlyn Casper.

Arbor Day: Our weeklong celebration was discussed. Jessica talked to Kurt Elder with Earth Day and said it was ok to join them. His Earth Day Board did not want to have us join them but Kurt will override them. He offered to give us a booth at a reduced rate. One tree is scheduled to be planted by JSTC that week.

Lorri suggested doing a planting at Mahoney Park on Saturday for our event and keep it separate from Earth Day. Lorri suggested using four parks for our week-long event: Lakeview in NW Lincoln, Trendwood in SE Lincoln, Mahoney in NE Lincoln and Irvingdale in SW Lincoln. Kiwanis will be at Lakeview on Tuesday.

Andy said he will have trees for Arbor Day and is working on 2 for trees. Lorri asked if he would have 6 or 8 Bald Cypress for Irvingdale. Andy will check. Lorri will meet with other Parks Staff tomorrow to discuss tree needs of their parks.

Eric asked if we will be having vendors at the events. Lorri replied only on Saturday. Jessica asked to have an educational booth/table of how trees provide homes for raptors, squirrels and other animals. Eric suggested contacting Project Learning Tree for educational information. Kendall will contact the Statewide Arboretum about flyers to hand out.

Emily suggested making tree cookie necklaces to give to children. Lorri wants to find a band to play during Saturday's event. Booth ideas include: Adopt-an-Ash, 2 for Trees, Friends of Wilderness Park, the Nebraska Forest Service, UNL horticulture club. Lashall suggested that we get trees from Arbor Day Foundation to distribute. The Sowers club is expected to be at the Saturday event. Lorri asked Lynn Johnson to MC the event. Our next meeting is April 9th to finalize plans.

Lorri asked if CFAB members will be attending:

Eric = yes

Scott= maybe

Jessica = maybe

Andy= some

Emily= yes but will have her children

Chris=yes

Janet=no

Dakota=maybe

Erin=yes

Lorri will talk to Kat Scholl about creating a flyer for the event. Emily asked if the flyer could be a PDF so it could be emailed and/or printed. It was decided that an 8 x 11 flyer is the size wanted by all.

Eric announced that his Urban Forestry Management class has been assigned to present to Lorri and Lynn as part of their class grade. It will be interesting to see what the students come up with.

Staff Reports:

Lynn stated that Lorri's previous job has been advertised and closed. They are waiting on a list of eligible applicants to interview.

Lorri is to send a copy of the letter that was sent to all participating nurseries regarding voucher payments. Lorri also stated that all ash wood must stay in Lancaster County due to the quarantine on ash wood.

Adjourn: Andy made a motion to adjourn, Emily seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ball
Recording Secretary

Next meeting is April 9, 2019