

Community Forestry Advisory Board meeting minutes

Location: Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: Lachel Bradley-Williams, Chair, Jessica Gieseke, Vice Chair, Kendall Weyers, Erin Chamber, *Mark Wilson, *Patty Ngyuen

Members Absent: Mary Sweeney

Staff Members Present: Lynn Johnson, Chris Myers, *Lorri Grueber, *Adam Klingenberg, *Kaylyn Neverve, Bryan Tlamka

Members of the public present: None

Members attending via Zoom

Agenda items

1. Call to Order: Lachel Bradley-Williams called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m. and recognized the Open Meeting Act posted on the wall.
2. Welcome new Advisory Board members: Lachel Bradley-Williams recognized new members Erin Chamber, Mark Wilson and Patty Ngyuen.
3. Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Bryan Tlamka. Members required for a Quorum is 4. 4 members present.
4. Approval of previous minutes: Lachel Bradley-Williams asked if there were any corrections to the 13 October 2020 meeting minutes. No corrections/comments noted. Motion to approve the minutes made by Jessica Gieseke and seconded by Erin Chamber. Voted and approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. New Business: Lachel Bradley-Williams opened the floor to discussion regarding the proposed structure for future Community Forestry Advisory Board (CFAB) and committee meetings. The proposed structure would return to quarterly CFAB meetings being held in March, June, September and December at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the respective month. Working committee meetings (the Events/Arbor Day Recognition committee and the Policies committee)

would be held at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday during the other 8 months of the year. A group discussion followed focusing on the merits of the new meeting structure. Kendall asked whether the new structure would allow for a special Board meeting if deemed necessary. Lynn Johnson confirmed this to be the case as outlined in the By Laws. The group decided to act on the new structure for future CFAB and committee meetings and changes to Articles VI & VII By Laws simultaneously. Motion to approve by Erin Chamber and seconded by Kendall Weyers. Voted by roll call approved unanimously.

The group discussed future Committee assignments.

Events Committee team members indicating interest are as follows: Lachel Bradley-Williams, Patty Ngyuen, Mark Wilson, Mary Sweeney was identified by the group as having a strong background in events planning.

Policy Committee team members indicating interest are as follows: Jessica Gieseke, Erin Chamber, Kendall Weyers.

Committee meetings with 4 members are required to be open to the public and a notice will need to be published at the city website.

Proposal for Chris Myers and Lorri Grueber to staff the events committee. Proposal for Lynn Johnson and Adam Klingenberg to staff the policy committee.

7. Committee Reports:

Events/Arbor Day Recognition Committee: Lachel Bradley-Williams discussed the distribution of 500 trees at the Fall tree distribution event on 24 October 2020. The entire event went smoothly. A total of 22 volunteers participated.

Lincoln Parks and Recreation teamed with the Arbor Day team to plant 50 trees at Mahoney Park. Approximately 40-50 volunteers were on site.

Kendall Weyers shared that he and Mark Wilson worked together in order to plant trees in the near South and Irvingdale neighborhoods as the result of an Arbor Day grant. 90 trees were planted; approximately 10 different species in total. A demonstration planting was also conducted at Keech Park in order to share information about community forestry and tree care. Follow up with residents is planned in order to continue to educate the public.

Policy Committee: Kendall Weyers stated that the Policy Committee is planning to meet on 10 November 2020 after the CFAB meeting.

8. Staff Reports:

Lorri Grueber stated that the focus of the forestry crews has been on cleanup following the 11 October 2020 wind storm. Recent emphasis has been focused on addressing the oldest street trees scheduled for removal in Beehive. A third party contractor has recently been hired to remove 411 Ash stumps.

Adam Klingenberg has also been working storm response in an effort to assist crews. Efforts are underway to remove Oak trees along 16th and K Street. EAB tree removal continues in the Meadow Lane neighborhood.

Kaylyn Nerverve shared information about Mahoney tree planting. 50 trees at Mahoney Park were planted with the assistance of the Arbor Day Foundation Staff. Plans exist to plant approximately 81 trees in South East Lincoln. 93 trees are planned for planting on West O Street. 12 crab apples were recently planted at Woods Park. Lynn Johnson shared that Seeds of Life is planting Ash tree replacements along the West O street corridor and tree surety plantings along arterial streets.

The group discussed Oak tree replacements along 17th and 18th Streets near the Capital building. The trees in question were in poor shape and recently removed. Pin Oaks showed signs of chlorosis.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Lachel Bradley-Williams, Chair at 5:04 p.m.
10. Meeting minutes prepared by Bryan Tlamka, Office Specialist.

Next meeting 8 December 2020

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