

# Community Forestry Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: Jessica Gieseke, Erin Chambers, Mark Wilson, Kendall Weyers, Emma Craig  
Members Absent: None  
Members Present via Zoom: Lachel Bradley-Williams  
Staff Members Present: Lynn Johnson, Lorri Grueber, Adam Klingenberg, Chris Myers, Sara Hartzell, Ryan Steggall, Pam Hoffman  
Members of the public present: None

## Agenda items

1. **Call to Order:** Jessica Gieseke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and recognized the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.
2. **Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken. Quorum was present.
3. **Minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting approved.** Motion made by Kendall Weyers and seconded by Emma Craig.
4. **Public Comments:** None.
5. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Events:** Trees to be planted in Roper East Park and Dog Facility on April 29<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Arbor Day. Other tree planting and give-away events are listed below.
  - b. **Policy:** Updates and amendments to the Design Standards for Street Trees: the policy committee members feel it isn't ready for a vote and recommended it move back to the Policy Committee for revisions. Motion made by Mark Wilson and seconded by Jessica Gieseke.
6. **Election of Officers for 2022:** The Events Committee will be Lachel Bradley-Williams (Chair), Erin Chambers and Jessica Gieseke. The Policy Committee will be Kendall Weyers (Chair), Jessica Gieseke, and Mark Wilson. The possibility of moving one of the Committee meetings to a different Tuesday than the other Committee meeting was discussed. There is still a vacancy on the board.
7. **Staff Reports**
  - a. Introduction of Mike Fallon, Sara Hartzell and Ryan Steggall. Mike is the new Community Forestry Planner working with the Street Tree Surety Program and street tree planning projects. Sara is one of our Park Planners and will be working with the committee and mentoring Mike. Ryan is the new Community Forestry Inspector. His primary focus will be to run tickets and assign work to the Forestry crews.
  - b. Grant Application for the Nebraska Environmental Trust: the city did not get funded for this program. Looking for other opportunities.

- c. Pilot Program in cooperation with the Nebraska Forest Service, the City of Lincoln Urban Development: One of a kind program in the nation. Goal is to remove at risk dead/dying trees from private property and provide a replacement tree. So far 24-27 trees have been identified. Will work on this program until funding runs out. Community Forestry Advisory Board members want to be on the volunteer list.
- 8. Quarterly Report – Goal is to get 2020 trees off of the books. Also gearing up for EAB treatments. Tree size for treatment is 12-18 inches.
  - 9. EAB Response and Recovery: Contractors removed around 56 ash trees in Meadowlane area. Some removal work is being done in Air Park. EAB pops up quickly. Using some contractual services to remove some of the trees but are limited by resources. About 115 city ash trees are assigned to contractors to remove.
- 10. Tree planting events
    - a. Working on planting events to celebrate 150 years of Arbor Day. Proclamation will be read. The week of Arbor Day, 150 trees total will be planted in the following areas: Woods Park, Herbert Park, Roper East Park & dog run.
    - b. NMA and Woods Park – Keep it Green organizations will help plant 30 trees in Woods Park.
    - c. Meadowlane Homeowners Association (MARA) and UNL Outreach will help plant the trees in Herbert Park.
    - d. The South Salt Creek neighborhood is trying to get their residents electronically connected through email and their Facebook page and they are having UNL students hand deliver flyers to all the residents in their neighborhood. They have a goal to give away 25 trees.
    - e. Roper East and the Roper Dog Run – Arbor Day Foundation volunteers will help plant 100 trees and the goal is to give away 150 seedlings.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. Motion made by Emma Craig and seconded by Mark Wilson.

Minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next Quarterly Board meeting will be on June 14, 2022.