

Community Forestry Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting Minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: Jessica Gieseke, Brian Munk, Pete Smith, Mark Wilson
Members Absent: Lachel Bradley-Williams, Erin Chambers
Staff Members Present: Sara Hartzell, Lorri Grueber, Michael Fallon, Chris Myers, Kaylyn Nerverve, J.J. Yost, Pam Hoffman
Members of the public present: Kendall Weyers

Agenda items

1. **Call to Order:** Erin Chambers 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 September 12, 2023 meeting were approved.** Motion made by Brian Munk and seconded by Pete Smith.
4. **Public Comments:** None
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Outreach/Education/Events**
 - i. **October Tree Giveaway:** Nine volunteer tree plantings are scheduled for the first and second weeks of October. Planned locations account for tree scale/ash removals in Parks and are equally distributed across the city. Saturday, October 14th is the tree distribution at Arnold Heights Pool. Trees that will be given away are: White Pine, White Spruce, Catalpa, Canada Red Chokecherry, Baldcypress, Autumn Brilliance Service Berry, Shadblow Service Berry, and Swamp White Oak.
 - ii. **Audubon/LPS City Coordination for Arbor Day 2024:** In the pre-planning phase for Arbor Day 2024 at Antelope Park. Working with LPS to do planting at Kahoa Park which will correspond with new playground install. Northeast High School after school club is corresponding with Ag Club to learn how to plant trees and demo planting trees to kids.
 - b. **Policy/Regulation Board Development**
 - i. **Notes from July & August meetings** – Lots of good discussion to put together policy points. What do we want to accomplish with City trees and private trees. What other data needs to be collected in order to accomplish goals and recommendations for ordinance changes and updates?
6. **Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2024 slate of officers for action during December Board meeting.** Jessica Gieseke and Pete Smith volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

7. Staff Reports

- a. Ann Powers has been asked by the Mayor to serve on the Community Forestry Advisory Board.
- b. **EAB Response & Recovery** – Long term goal for treated ash trees is to keep treating every two years perpetually.
- c. **Tree Planting Project** – October 21st tree planting at Trendwood Park by Lincoln Rotary.
- d. **Grants** – City received the SUFR (State Urban Forest Resilience) Grant for 148 trees in Northwest Lincoln. St Paul's also received a grant for 11 trees near the Peach Park area.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m. Motion made by Jessica Gieseke and seconded by Mark Wilson.

Minutes prepared by Pam Hoffman, Office Specialist.

Next Quarterly Board meeting will be on December 12, 2023.