

Community Forestry Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting Minutes

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

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: Lachel Bradley-Williams, Erin Chambers, Brian Munk, Ann Powers

Members Absent: Jess Gieseke, Mark Wilson

Staff Members Present: Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Chris Myers, Adam Klingenberg, Kaylyn Comstock, Mike Comstock, Jocelyn Golden, J.J. Yost, Kris Humphrey, Pam Hoffman
Members of the public present: None

Agenda items

1. **Call to Order:** Lachel Bradley-Williams 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. **Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2025 meeting.** Motion to approve was made by Erin Chambers and seconded by Brian Munk. Minutes were unanimously approved by members present.
4. **Election of Officers:** Pete Smith has left the board and a new Vice-Chair needs to be elected. Brian Munk was nominated to serve as the new Vice-Chair. Erin Chambers made a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Munk as Vice-Chair. Ann Powers seconded the appointment. Appointment was unanimously approved by members present.
5. **LTU Updates:** Kris Humphrey. There will be an open house for 27th St, South to Nebraska Parkway. No tree removal expected. 48th Street from Normal to Cotner, water main project. Not anticipating any tree removals at this time. Mini roundabout planned for 48th & Sumner intersection. 40th St, Randolph to O and A St to Randolph watermain and rehabbing. Seven trees on the east side of 40th are slated to be removed.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Outreach/Education/Events:** Lachel Bradley-Williams & Kaylyn Comstock
 - i. Arbor Day LNK – April 26, 2026. Emails will be sent out to local groups about hosting a booth at the event. There will be a CFAB booth and we are seeking volunteers from CFAB. There may possibly be a tree climb.
 - ii. April 24th tree planting event with Fredstrom Elementary 4th graders, Standing Bear High School, Arbor Day Foundation, and LPRD at Highlands Park.

Maggie Stuckey-Ross mentioned that a New City outreach team is forming: Mayor's Resilient Lincoln Roundtable. They send out community announcements. It is an attempt to coordinate city department efforts.

b. **Policy/Regulation/Board Development:** No current updates.

7. **Director's Report:** Maggie Stuckey-Ross. Parks and Recreation is going through a Strategic Planning Process. Urban Forestry Management is part of the plan. Some key findings include: administrative tasks burden vs mission focused work; reactive vs proactive operations; knowledge concentration & succession risk; resource optimization vs mission expansion. Focus #1 will be on equitable management and expansion of the City's tree canopy. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will vote to endorse the plan in May. Kick off for implementing the first group of tasks will be July.
8. **Volunteer Tree Planting summary:** 2026 Tree Planting events: 310 trees to be planted at various locations. Earliest planting event will be on March 30th.
9. **Community Forestry Crew Activity:** Chris Myers: Super Trim Crews are working on 600 plus trees near South Street and Coddington/Roper Elementary. Most days, running 3 crews. Trimming for clearance, 14 – 14 ½ feet over the street.
10. **EAB Response and Recovery:** Adam Klingenberg. Have identified some ash trees on Meredith Street and in Capitol Beach for an Ash tree removal project.
11. **Public Comment from non CFAB members for items not listed on the agenda.** None
12. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be April 8, 2026.