

Community Forestry Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Location: Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Conference Center, Room 213- Suites ABC, Lower Level

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: Erin Chambers, Jess Gieseke, Brian Munk, Ann Powers

Members Absent: Lachel Bradley-Williams, Mark Wilson

Staff Members Present: Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Chris Myers, Adam Klingenberg, Kaylyn Comstock, Mike Comstock, J.J. Yost, Danielle Vachal, Pam Hoffman

Members of the public present: None

Agenda items

1. **Call to Order:** Brian Munk called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 February 11, 2026 meeting.** Motion to approve was made by Ann Powers and seconded by Ann Chambers. Three votes to approve, one vote to abstain. Minutes vote will be tabled until next meeting as did not have a quorum to pass.
4. **LTU Updates:** Danielle Vachal. Doing some water main projects right now and seeing what trees may need to be removed for projects. When that occurs, letters are sent to homeowners and information is given about the tree voucher program to them and how they can apply. Use root treatments on trees when sidewalks are being expanded so trees will hopefully not suffer as much shock when the placement occurs. There have been lot of tree roots that have impacted ADA sidewalk ramps. We are trying to do due diligence in each situation where a tree is being considered for removal. Trying to make sure a tree isn't being removed just to be removed or if a sidewalk keeps getting pushed up. LTU has call-ins for sidewalk complaints/repairs for homeowners to get on a list to have it repaired.

O Street Project – an open house was held and about 50 people attended. Website is up an running and is updated weekly. Some trees have been removed, mostly ash trees. More trees will go in than are being removed.

5. Committee Reports:

a. **Outreach/Education/Events:** Kaylyn Comstock

- i. Arbor Day LNK – April 26, 2026. There will be a CFAB booth and a Parks and Recreation booth. Erin and Ann will be working with the CFAB booth and Brian will be helping with Tree ID.

- ii. April 24th tree planting event with Fredstrom Elementary 4th graders, Arbor Day Foundation, and LPRD at Highlands Park.

b. **Policy/Regulation/Board Development:** Jess Gieseke: have met with some public groups and working on a consensus workshop. Asking the groups what policies are important to them regarding trees and determining what departments would be involved as stakeholders.

- 6. **Director's Report:** Maggie Stuckey-Ross. The Strategic Plan Presentation has been given to all boards, Lincoln Parks Foundation, and Solidago. There will be presentations to staff soon. People are very interested in trees. Forestry is the #1 priority. Budget review is coming up next. Hoping to get more support for Forestry.
- 7. **EAB Response and Recovery:** Adam Klingenberg. Contractor is doing removals right now on Meredith, Capital Beach, and Trendwood areas. Treatments will begin soon, end of April/early May. Treating 1900 trees.
- 8. **Community Forestry Crew Activity:** Chris Myers: Been busy with area pruning. Have done 2500 trees. Current area has 800. Prune crews will be cut back during EAB treatments. A new Laborer category that doesn't require a driver's license has been created.
- 9. **Volunteer Tree Planting summary:** See Outreach/Education/Events committee report.
- 10. **Public Comment from non CFAB members for items not listed on the agenda.** None
- 11. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be June 10, 2026.