

Community Forestry Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Location: Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Lower-Level Conference Center

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Time: 4:02 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, Brad Brandt, Chris Myers, Adam Klingenberg, Kaylyn Comstock, Mike Comstock, JJ Yost, Pam Hoffman
Other Departments Staff Present: Kris Humphrey, LTU
Members of the public present: Taylor Hammack, Dana Genereux

A regular meeting of the Community Forestry Advisory Board was held at the Parks & Recreation Administration Office/Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 12th day of August 2026. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following three public places, the designated methods for giving notice: the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department website starting on August 5, 2026, the City Clerk's bulletin board, starting on August 5, 2026; and the Lincoln Journal Star on July 31, 2026. Notice of this meeting was given to the Chairperson and all persons of this Board, and a copy of the agenda is attached to the minutes.

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 was called. Quorum was present.
3. **Minutes from the July 8, 2026 meeting were approved.** Motion made by Ann Powers and seconded by Erin Chambers. Upon roll call vote, motion was unanimously approved.
4. **LTU Updates:** Kris Humphrey, RTSD Project Manager – Upcoming Projects: 70th Street, from O to Holdrege – rehabbing streets and sidewalks and curb ramps; Touzalin, Adams to Havelock – looking at mobility plan, possible removal of some parking and a potential bike lane; Fallbrook and roundabout by Super Saver, plus sidewalks by the school. Proposed (not yet approved) residential rehab projects: N. 44th & Gladstone; Trendwood St and St. Joseph School (84th & A St area); 36th to 38th and LaSalle to Locust (no curb ramps in this area, so there could be tree impacts); W. Q St from NW 24th to Brookside.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Outreach/Education/Events:** No Report.
6. **Policy/Regulation/Board Development:** No Report. Hoping to meet in September and may have a couple of members of the public participate.

7. **Operations Report:** Chris Myers: crews have been working on stump grindings, started on July 1st. 186 stumps have been ground so far, but that is only about 15% of the stumps. A couple of trim crews are working through the area of Vine to Holdrege, 33rd to 40th Streets. Four areas are lined up to be trimmed.

Adam Klingenberg: the contract for ash removals from 2025 is complete for 37 trees. The last four of the trees are still in process.

8. **Community Forestry Strategy Report:** Brad Brandt. Looking to complete a City-wide inventory with hi-resolution lidar and an Urban Forestry Management/Master Plan. This would include looking at requirements that are needed for the work we want done. These requirements would include: enterprise GIS integration; mobile field operations; workorder management; public engagement; asset management for tree assets; staff training for new software; long-term support; and risk assessment. Many other communities have done these assessments. Want the data to support what areas are in the most need of new trees, etc. Tree risk inspections are prioritized with lidar and finding the areas that are in the most need of removals and plantings. Reviewed both Planet GEO and Davey Resource Group. Davey Resource Group (DRG) was selected. The requirements drove the decision.
9. **Volunteer Tree Planting Projects for Fall 2026:** Kaylyn Comstock & Mike Comstock. Volunteer tree plantings are currently being scheduled for September through mid-October. Some park locations include: North Hills, Sue Krueger, Henry (with LPS and Arbor Day Foundation), Lintel, Stonebridge, Timber Valley, and Oak Lake.
10. **Kudos from the Public:** Pam Hoffman shared some positive feedback for Forestry from the public and the Mayor's Office.
11. **Public Comment from non CFAB members for items not listed on the agenda.** Dana Genereux from JEO Consulting introduced himself and said he does work for the City via a grant program.
12. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2026.