

Community Forestry Advisory Board meeting minutes

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

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: Lachel Bradley-Williams, Chair, Mary Sweeney, Kendall Weyers, Jessica Gieseke, Vice Chair.

Members Absent: (Expired/Open Seats: Scott Hofeling, Emily Deeker, Eric North)

Staff Members Present: Lynn Johnson, Chris Myers, Lorri Grueber, Adam Klingenberg, Kaylyn Neverve, Angela Chesnut, Bryan Tlamka

Members of the public present: Erin Chamber, Patty Ngyuen

Agenda items

1. Call to Order: Lachel Bradley-Williams called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and recognized the Open Meeting Act posted on the wall.
2. Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Angela Chesnut. Members required for a Quorum is 4. 4 members present.
3. Approval of previous minutes: Lachel Bradley-Williams asked if there were any corrections to the amended July 14, 2020 meeting minutes. No further corrections. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mary Sweeney and seconded by Jessica Gieseke. Voted and approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment: Lachel Bradley-Williams opened the meeting for Public Comments. Erin Chambers and Patty Ngyuen to be confirmed as board members, 26 October 2020 at the City Council meeting. Per Lynn Johnson, Mark Wilson will be approved as a board member on Monday, October 19, 2020.
5. New Business: Lynn Johnson referenced the memorandum for the proposed structure for the future Community Forestry Advisory Board (CFAB) and committee meetings, dated 31 August 2020. The proposed structure would return to quarterly CFAB meetings being held in March, June, September and December at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the respective month. Working committee meetings (the Events/Arbor Day Recognition committee and the Policies committee) would be held at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday during the other 8 months of the year. Proposed changes and revisions to the by-laws could be introduced during this meeting and the Board could take action during the November 2020 meeting to approve the new meeting

structure. A group discussion followed focusing on the merits of the new meeting structure. Jessica Gieseke and Kendall Weyers request time to consider the change and allow for the new members to participate in the November 2020 CFAB meeting and vote.

6. Committee Reports: Events/Arbor Day Recognition Committee, Lachel Bradley-Williams discussed a recent call to action for the Fall distribution event on 24 October 2020. The status of volunteers and the schedule of events were discussed. Lynn Johnson briefed everyone in attendance about the layout for the event, as well as the specific times and volunteer requirements.

Policy Committee: Kendall Weyers stated that the Policy Committee is waiting to meet. He referenced the memorandum for proposed discussion topics for Policies Committee related to the update of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, dated October 6, 2020 from Lynn Johnson. A policy meeting needs to be held in November 2020 in order to provide the CFAB with input for the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

7. Staff Reports: Lachel Bradley-Williams referred to the three new CFAB members upcoming approval by the Lincoln City Council. The three new CFAB members are Erin Chamber, Patty Ngyuen and Mark Wilson. Correction to the agenda noted: Mark Wilson.

Lorri Grueber discussed the 11 October 2020 storm. 50 overnight calls from Lincoln Police and 170 additional calls from the public. Linden tree species were heavily impacted during this particular storm event. The entire city was impacted with the exception of Northwest Lincoln. Crews are working overtime in order to meet the demands caused by the storm.

Adam Klingenberg updated the board on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) tree markings have also begun in the West A area of town.

Kaylyn Nerverve shared information about the Thursday 15 October planting of 50 trees at Mahoney Park with the Arbor Day Foundation Staff. 65 trees planned for planting at Holmes Golf Course. 93 trees planned for planting on West O Street. Seeds of Life will be planting the trees as Ash tree replacements. Lynn Johnson shared that the Urban Development Department is working with the West O street corridor on this particular project. A second street tree project is being funded with street tree surety money. Lynn Johnson also discussed the idea of fall tree planting only for future contractual agreements.

Lynn Johnson shared significant indicators that are being tracked and their effect on fiscal year budgets. Significant indicators include EAB replacement, treatment and the tree voucher program. Lorri Grueber shared with the group her experience with the tree voucher program and the biodiversity of trees in the community. The group discussed strategies for increasing tree species diversity. Mary Sweeney left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

8. Open Discussion: No open discussion.
9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Lachel Bradley-Williams, Chair at 5:05 p.m.
10. Meeting minutes prepared by Bryan Tlamka, Office Specialist.

Next meeting 10 November 2020