

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, January 19th, 2022
Amphitheater - Lower Level Meeting Room**

Those in attendance included Committee Members Dave Wehmeyer, John Steffens, Bob Briscoe, Gabe Waterhouse and Arborist Josh Wargo

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Meeting was called to order by Josh Wargo at 6:05 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Wehmeyer to accept the December 15, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion was approved.

Agenda Item #4: Communications from Audience -None

Agenda Item #5: Parks Report – Josh Wargo reported the following:

- a. City started its winter tree removals and pruning and that will continue on and off over the next 2 months
- b. Spring Project Communitree planting locations were discussed
 - a. Riverfront along the Elbert Drive – possible species include Overcup Oak, Cherybark Oak, Cottonwood, Sycamore, Pecan and possibly a couple Bald Cypress
 - b. Phoenix in the bottom where the playground was going to be located. It was brought up that we possibly could plant a variety of native trees where kids could go do there leaf collections for school. We would have to either tag the trees or have a map of where the trees are located, if we decide to do this project. Crestview Park might serve that purpose as well.
- c. The revisions from the First Parkway plan were shown to the group and everyone thought the plan looked great. It was discussed that we would not know about the Trim Grant until July when MDC's fiscal year starts over and they have funding to give out. It was also discussed that we may add additional locations so it shows that we are spreading the grant money around the town to give us a better chance of receiving funding.

Agenda Item #6: Council Report – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. None

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. The Committee started looking into making revisions to the Tree Guide that was developed in 2013.
 - a. It was discussed to possibly simplify the document by leaving out cultivars since they change every year. We could possibly spec a columnar variety if that is needed in a street tree location or a seedless variety for formal areas.

- b. It was also discussed about adding a few more categories such as a Privacy Screening category and a Do Not Plan t/ Invasive category.
- c. The committee would also like to add information on proper planting, pruning and mulching to the guide and information about using a certified arborist.
- d. The group plans to go through three categories per meeting and making changes. Next meeting we will make edits to the street trees (small medium and large categories).

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting –Work Day - Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 4:30pm, Crestview Water Tower Park (Madison & Crestview Dr)

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Wehmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. Motion was approved.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL