

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021
Main Stage / Amphitheater – Lower Level**

Those in attendance included Committee Members John Steffens, Gus Raeker, Bob Briscoe, Wayne Dunker - Director of Parks & Recreation, Josh Wargo - Horticulturalist/Arborist, and Council Liaison Mark Hidritch. Those not present included Committee Members Dave Wehmeyer, Bill Davit and Franz Meyer .

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Meeting was called to order by Mr. Dunker at 6:04 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes – No quorum. Meeting minutes from September 2020 were not approved.

Agenda Item #4: Communications from Audience – None

Agenda Item #5: Parks Report – Mr. Dunker reported the following:

- a. Tree Work 2020 (Josh Wargo)- 201 pruned, 52 removed
- b. Hummingbird Club sightline tree removal – complete and on time. Dynamic Tree Service did a nice job.
- c. Spring CommuniTree Grant- Optimist UFC work day planted grant trees
- d. Arbor Day 2021 (Josh Wargo) - Was a rainy damp day. Went great and planted a White Oak donated by Hillermann's and a Cyprus tree from the State of MO Bicentennial Celebration Committee. Honeysuckle was removed around the Angel of Hope Memorial area.

Agenda Item #6: Council Report – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. New construction buffer zone – requested info was emailed out to members

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Illegal tree removal along East Riverfront Trail- A letter from Park Board was written to stating the Park Board's disgust for the incident. UFC's name was added to the letter.
- b. Washington High School Environmental Club tree tagging - WHS members would like to tag unique trees along the new trail around Miller Post's quarry and would like to install a bench near the cabin. UFC will identify potential trees to be tagged and possible bench location during July work day at the Nature Reserve
- c. Ash Tree Treatments- Josh will select 10 trees in the park system to treat
- d. Craig's Tree Service tree donation – Craig Small of Craig's Tree Service donated a Redbud Tree that was planted near the Optimist Park pavilion. This is a replacement for the Redbud Tree that was nearly destroyed at Burger Park along International Avenue.
- e. John Steffens stated there are at least two hazardous tree in the First Parkway street ROW and that he has donation money to use for new replacement trees. Wayne stated he is looking into ways to get the large trees removed.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting or Work Day

Work Day – Wednesday, June 16 at Miller Post Nature Reserve

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Raeker to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm. Motion was approved.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL