

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, November 20, 2019**

A meeting of the Urban Forestry Council took place on Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Those in attendance included Committee Members John Steffens, Bill Davit, Gus Raeker, Franz Mayer; Wayne Dunker - Director of Parks and Recreation, Josh Wargo - Horticulturalist/Arborist, those not present included Committee Member Susan Watermann, Dave Wehmeyer, and Council Liaison Nick Obermark.

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dunker at 6:05 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Raeker to accept the September 18, 2019 minutes as submitted. Motion was approved.

Agenda Item #4: Communications – None

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

- a. UFC planted 40 Communi Grant trees at Burger Park as a part of the October UFC work day
- b. 16 trees were tagged in the Miller Post arboretum area by WHS' Environmental Club and Stream Team students
- c. Kiosk on the riverfront is near completion. Look for educational materials to be placed in this informational kiosk. Visitor and trail user should find it very beneficial
- d. Repaving of the closed portion of the East Trail should start soon depending on the height of the river

Agenda Item #6: Council Report – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

- a. Phoenix bridge work and retention poles – Work continues on the bridges at Phoenix.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Tree work planned – Wayne and Josh are reviewing lists and prioritizing. Lists include tree removal, trimming, tree and stump removal and tree replacement
- b. 2019 Tree Work Totals- 85 planted, 54 removed and 229 pruned
- c. Spring Communi Tree Grant- Will apply for a grant for the arboretum at Miller Post. The goal is to team up with Washington H.S. Environmental Class and Stream Team to plant trees that are native to MO and the Miller Post property.
- d. Tree Canopy Cost- Wayne reported that he contacted Davey Resource Group and the cost of a tree canopy map of Washington could be approximately \$5,000 and that the City Could get a TRIM Grant. Gus will check with MDC to see how they could be of assistance, if at all.
- e. Upcycling Urban Wood- There are (2) 10 foot logs at Miller Post from the tree that was hanging over the cabin. Staff have been saving them for a future use of some kind. Wayne would like the UFC to find ways to use the logs instead of letting them decay. The Committee suggested a portable sawmill similar to the one we had at Arbor Day to slab them out for some kind of woodworking use.
- f. Borgia Liberty Tree sign- Wayne reached out to SFBRHS to see if they were interested in replacing the old wooden Liberty Tree sign at Krog Park. A man called Wayne and said he would take over the sign project and get it replaced with input from the department.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting or Work Day

Meeting – Wednesday, January15, 2020

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Raeker to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Motion was approved.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL