

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023  
Amphitheater - Lower Level Meeting Room**

Those in attendance included Committee Members John Steffens, Dave Wehmeyer Bob Briscoe, Franz Meyer, Parks & Recreation Director Wayne Dunker and Arborist Josh Wargo. Those absent included Committee Members Bill Davit, Gus Raeker, Gabe Waterhouse, Gavin Wooley & Council Liaison Mark Hidritch

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order by Dunker at 6:06 pm.

**Agenda Item #2: Roll Call**

**Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes** – October 19, November 16 & December 7, 2022 minutes as submitted.

**Agenda Item #5: Communications from Audience** – None

**Agenda Item #6: Parks Report**

- a. Staff applied for Tree City USA award again
- b. Staff have been busy installing new trails at Miller Post Nature Reserve. It is muddy.
- c. McBaine Bur Oak Update- Mike Smith save the tree from vandals. No harm done that we can tell. Plaque will be installed soon.

**Agenda Item #7: Old Business**

- a. First Parkway ROW Tree Replacement Project- Trees and stumps have been removed. Contractor was great to work with. Plant new trees in April and repair the area before moving out.

**Agenda Item #8: New Business**

- a. Arbor Day 2023 Plan – Will be Arbor Day and Earth Day combined at the Farmers Market on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-11am. Free trees (hopefully – need to ask Gus) and seed give aways. Possibly plant a tree in the area with a local school group.
- b. Continued to revise (and finished revising) the 2013 Washington Tree Guide. Staff to make updates and bring back to the Council for review before releasing it to the public.

**Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting** – Special Meeting, December 7, City Council Chambers, 6:00pm, Next regular meeting, January 18, 2023

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment** - A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Wehmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm. Motion was approved.

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL**