

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023
Amphitheater - Lower-Level Meeting Room**

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

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order by Dunker at 6:02 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes – March 15 minutes. Motion by Steffens, Second by Wehmeyer.

Agenda Item #5: Communications from Audience – None

Agenda Item #6: Parks Report

- a. First Parkway ROW Tree Planting – Trees were planted and have Gator (watering) bags on them. Project is complete, now the watering begins.
- b. Tree Work: Storm damage clean up this week (Fairgrounds Maple & Lakeview Football Hickory).
- c. April Workday will be at Main Park and in Tiemann Valley - planting trees.
- d. Gus Raeker has decided to step down from the Council due to out of town work and travel so there is an open position.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Arbor Day/Earth Day was a huge success. Gave away a lot of trees, seed packets, and plant plugs. Had a captive set of eyes and ears at the Farmers Market. Will likely have the event at that location again. Planted two trees with the Borgia students on Borgia's campus as part of Arbor Day. The Mayor read the Arbor Day Proclamation to the kids and talked about the importance of trees and the earth.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. 2013 Washington Tree Guide revisions – not complete at this time but will have a draft at the next meeting
- b. Memorial Tree Program Tree Options – the Council suggested a small group of trees that would likely do well in our park system. Divided Trees up into Flowering and Shade groups. Flowering list includes Dogwood, Magnolia, Redbud, Cherry, Fringe Tree and Buckeye. Shade list includes Maples, Oaks, Birch, Elm, Tulip, Cypress, Locust, Plantains, Ginkgo and Yellowwood. These would be the suggested trees for our Memorial Tree Program that is about to be relaunched.
- c. Woolley suggested that someone look at the creek in Tiemann Valley. The creek bank could use some bank stabilization since there are tree roots exposed. He suggested stormwater funds could be an option for funding.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting – Workday – June 21, possibly at Crestview Water Tower Park

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Wooley, seconded by Committee Member Steffens to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. Motion was approved.

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