

**City of Ladue- Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee
November 11, 2022**

Ladue Police Department Conference room and via Zoom Meetings

Members present

Laure Hullverson, Pat Steiner, Nancy Ylvisaker, Brook Palanca, and Tom McCarthy

Others present

Director of Public Works Anne Lamitola; City Arborist Sean Seed;

Chairperson Laure Hullverson called the meeting to order.

Agenda and Minutes Approval

Pat made a motion to approve the meeting agenda and the November 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Tom seconded the motion to approve. All voted in favor and the agenda and minutes were approved.

Public Forum

Lynn Stephenson, Stream Team

Tree Removal Permitting and Review – 300 S. McKnight

Discussion ensued regarding current ordinance and existing tree removal permits at this address. The permit proposed to remove 100% native trees but that is not how it is being replanted. There was also discussion that all trees need to be new trees and not transplant trees. After a discussion Laure Hullverson made a motion that the permit dated 10/12/2022 be denied until the previously approved permit #20211440 has had the plantings completed and installation is reviewed by the City Arborist. Motion was seconded by Tom McCarthy. All present voted aye.

Tree Removal Ordinance

Considering the recent applications for tree removal a discussion followed about potential revisions to the ordinance. The Committee would like to review the definitions of dead, diseased and dying as well as how we are calculating the total trees removed. They felt it is important to also look at how removals are impacting erosion and the overall canopy. Recommendation was made to require replacement when removing 5 trees or 20%, not including dead trees. If any landmark trees were to be removed that would also require BOSTA reviewing the application.

Laure made a suggestion that we increase the number of BOSTA members since these changes to reviews will require more frequent meetings. The Committee would also like to add a maintenance clause for trees to be assessed after 2-3 years of replacement to verify proper maintenance.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

The Committee reviewed information that was submitted by Tim Gamma. It was determined that the Committee would continue to use the tree listing by the Missouri Department of Conservation.


The topic of bamboo was discussed in response to a resident letter that was submitted. The City does prohibit the uncontrolled spread of grandfathered bamboo. We prohibit the planting of bamboo because it is an invasive species. Staff will review the ordinance for any updates to language that may be beneficial. Staff will compare to neighboring municipalities to see how bamboo is handled.

Anne reported that MSD will be requiring a detailed floodplain study of the property. This is not to exceed \$8,500, this was not a part of the original scope of work.

Tom McCarthy made a motion to recommend approval of this change order to City Council for SWT to move forward with the MSD flood study requirement. Motion was second by Pat Steiner. All voted aye.

The next BOSTA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 am.

Tom McCarthy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat Steiner. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.



Laure Hullverson, Chairperson