

City of Ladue- Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee
February 9, 2023
Ladue Police Department Conference room and via Zoom Meetings

Members present

Laure Hullverson, Nancy Ylvisaker, and Brook Palanca

Others present

Director of Public Works Anne Lamitola; City Arborist Sean Seed; Public Works Specialist Ashley Quinn

Prospective committee members were present and gave brief introductions: Elliot Dole, resident on Berkley Ln., works in wealth management and is slowly learning about horticulture in his off time which is why he has an interest in joining the Committee. Beverly Tucker Knight, resident on Clerbrook is the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Olivette and has a long history of being involved in green initiatives.

Adoption of agenda and minutes

Laure called for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the January 12th meeting. Nancy made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Brook. All vote aye.

City Approved Tree List

Discussion ensued about the changes to the growth zone that we are in and that many of the trees are rated for cold hearty zone. Some narrative could be added to the City approved tree list regarding care, pruning, etc. Nancy and Laure agreed to put together some wording regarding Missouri Natives and the importance of tree selection and care. The committee would like to remove the Sophoro japonica (Japanese pagoda) and Golden Rain tree from the listing because they are listed as emerging invasives.

Arbor Day Celebration Planning Discussion

Discussion of the 2023 Arbor Day celebration on April 22nd was discussed. This year would include the tree scavenger hunt and a swamp milk weed activity provided by Beverly Tucker-Knight. The tree and location for planting was being determined by the Parks staff.

Tree removal permits

None

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Potential news articles for the future were discussed. For the Spring 2023 newsletter an update/summary of the tree ordinance and tree removal permit changes. Early fall could be an article about mulching of leaves and retaining them on your property.


Modifications to Chapter 102 of the Code of Ordinances that have been discussed at BOSTA will go to City Council on February 21st for review and adoption.

Deer Creek Preserve (DCP) will have work on site again in June for the MSD project. MSD's contractor has been on-site for the last three years which has impacted our schedule and implementation. The City has not applied for Garden Club of America grants due to the fact that we are waiting for approval of our plans for MSD with MSD, but that process is progressing as we have completed the flood study and received the variance for the foot fence which was approved at the February Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting.

Plans for Rodes Park has been put on hold due to budget review for the 10-year planning of the City's Capital Fund.

The next meeting would tentatively be 3/9/2023 at 7:30 am if there were tree removal applications.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 am.

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Laure Hullverson, Chairperson