

**City of Ladue- Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee  
May 11, 2023**

**Ladue Police Department Conference room and via Zoom Meetings**

**Members present**

Laure Hullverson, Pat Steiner, Brook Palanca, Elliot Dole, Nancy Ylvisaker, Beverly Tucker-Knight and Heidi Reed

**Others present**

Director of Public Works Anne Lamitola; City Arborist Sean Seed; Public Works Specialist Ashley Quinn, and Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Skubic.

**Adoption of agenda and minutes**

Laure called for a motion to approve the May 11th agenda and the minutes from the April 13th meeting. Pat would like to verify that the tree to be replaced at 10045 Litzsinger was noted as being in front of the house, not the "guest house". Brook made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Beverly. All vote aye.

**Tree removal permits**

**10092 Litzsinger/14 Dunleith:** Andy Haskenhoff, Frontenac Forestry, was present to discuss the application for tree removals. There was a total of 6 trees that were removed prior to a permit being obtained. Of those trees, 4 of them were on a neighboring property. Frontenac Forestry was not the company that took the trees down but stepped in to help with the permit process.

Sean gave a report that the replacement requirement for the permit would be 12 trees, their plan proposed 14 replacements. There are over 50% native species and over 50% canopy trees. Their proposal more than fulfills the requirements.

Andy stated that he thinks there needs to be efforts made to get the word out about the tree removal requirements. Companies in the area are not aware of the process and this would help to avoid these situations in the future.

A discussion ensued about the use of a Leland cypress which is not a native evergreen species.

Laure made a motion to approved the tree removal permit and allow the Leland cypress to be used, but the trees will be checked annually for viability for 3 years to ensure they survive. If they do not survive, they will need to be replaced with a bald cypress. Pat seconded the motion. All voted 'aye' in favor and the motion passed.

**821 Cella Rd.** – Sean gave a report that the applicants are requesting the removal of one 28" post oak. The reason for removal is there is planned construction work that the tree would not survive due to root loss from a footing. The tree would also lean over the footprint for the plan construction. Tree replacement would not be required for this application. Nancy made a motion to approve the application as submitted, seconded by Heidi. All voted 'aye' in favor and the motion passed.

**6 Sumac Ln.** – Sean gave a report that they are requesting removal 5 ironwood trees that are larger than 6 inch caliper. Their reason for removal is to clean up an overgrown area and the trees are in the way of

a proposed fence. Replacement trees are not required for this application. Pat made a motion to approve the application as submitted, seconded by Elliot. All voted 'aye' in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding the review of trees in the footprint during any part of ARB reviews. The committee would like to share the process for the removal permits with members of the ARB so that they can make recommendations on the siting of the project and the placement of proposed improvements. It was also suggested that the City could create a handout about the importance of tree protection and removals and possibly a workshop on tree removal permits and the process.

### **Other Matters Deemed Appropriate**

Anne provided an update on the Deer Creek Preserve. Ideal Landscape was awarded the contract. Anne would be meeting with MoDOT about S. Outer 40 and Clayton Rd with regards to the pedestrian signal, connection and DCP trail. This would then be put into the TAP funding application, which is due by July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The next meeting would tentatively be 6/22/2023 at 7:30 am if there were tree removal applications.

Brook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laure. All voted aye in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9am.



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Nancy Ylvisaker, Vice-Chairperson