

## MINUTES

### KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD

**AUGUST 7, 2008**

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The regular meeting of the Knoxville Tree Board was called to order at Ijams Nature Center at 8:30 a.m. on August 7, 2008, with Tom Wolf presiding. Board members present were Tom Simpson, Kim Davis, Beth Eason, Terry Faulkner, and Dessa Blair.

Ex-Officio members present were Ed Yost, IJAMS Nature Center; David McGinley, City Engineering; Jeff McCarter, City Arborist; Anne Wallace, Policy and Communication; David Brace, Public Service Director; and Kathy Hall, Recording Secretary.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

#### REPORTS

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE: DESSA BLAIR:** The 2009 Arbor Day celebration will be held at the Ijams Nature Center on April 24, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. Ed Yost will make sure that the date, and location are secured for us. This event will be a student-centered event. Four elementary schools were selected as possible participants, they include: Bell Morris, Gibbs, Pleasant Ridge, and Powell. Two alternative elementary schools, Shannondale and Fountain City, were also selected.

There will be a poster contest next year as well. Winning students will receive a check for \$50, and the teacher will receive a check for \$30. In an effort to increase interest in the contest, a poster will be designed, and put in each poster packet. The packets will then be sent to the chairperson of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at each school to be posted at the school. Dessa also entertained thoughts and ideas from the Board on how to make the event better.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE: BETH EASON:** Beth had requested that nominees for membership, and the chair positions be sent to her. We have three nominees for membership, which will speak at the next meeting. Nominations for chair and co-chair will be taken up at the next meeting, since the people nominated for these positions will be leaving the Board.

**SAVING TREES ON SUTHERLAND: TERRY FAULKNER:** Terry expressed concern about a row of trees along Sutherland Avenue, that the property owner wants to remove, because they are not aesthetically pleasing since the KUB pruning. Tom Wolf has looked at these trees, and determined that all but one is in good shape. Trees may have an iron deficiency, and just needs to be treated for that. Would like to help save the trees if we can. He and Terry will get together and draft a letter to send to Dr. Stoner at UT stating that we are in favor of saving the trees. A draft of this letter will be presented at our next meeting.

**1324 E. MOODY DRAINAGE PROBLEM: DAVID MCGINLEY:** David reported that a very large box elder tree has developed a lean in such a way that it is blocking the flow of water from the outlet pipe. This blockage inevitably causes flooding in this area. He requested that someone meet him at the location to discuss the possibility of removal.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Tom Wolf and Anne Wallace talked about the TN Urban Forestry Council's 2008 Annual Conference of Landscape Architecture & Urban Forestry, which will be held in Knoxville on September 11 – 14, 2008. Board members are invited to attend, and the Board will pay the registration fees. Some of the events include a tree climbing contest, a workshop for arborist, lectures on various topics, informational tours of the S. Knox Waterfront, Ijams Nature Center, UT Gardens and Environmental Design Lab, and much more.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Kathy Hall, Recording Secretary