

KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2008

The regular meeting of the Knoxville Tree Board was called to order at Ijams Nature Center at 8:45 a.m. on February 7, 2008, with Tom Wolf presiding. Board members present were Bob Santore, Dessa Blair, Kim Davis, Rocky Smith, Terry Faulkner, Steve Noe, Tom Simpson, and John Luttrell.

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

REPORTS: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Arbor Day 2008 Report: No report. Dessa reminded the Board that the deadline for the poster contest for fifth graders is February 29, 2008. The Education Committee is requested to meet at Ijams to judge poster entries on March 4, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: RETREAT UPDATE- MONTHLY TOPIC

Organizational Structure: Anne Wallace and Tom Wolf gave a power point presentation on the history, current structure and future growth potential of the Board. Listed below are just a few of the ideas presented.

- Possibly forming a public relations committee.
- Increase the number of ex-officio members.
- Increase diversity by including such departments and groups as: Parks and Recreation, agriculture extension representative, media and web representatives, etc.
- Eliminate committees that are no longer functional. Consider longstanding versus special purpose committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Policy and Planning Committee, which has served its purpose and is no longer functional, would officially be dissolved. All members present were in agreement.

Tom asked the Nominating Committee to convene in the near future to discuss nominations for the position of Chair and to review any other terms or positions that are expected to expire this year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Knoxville Station Transit Center: Dave Collins of McCarty-Hosaple-McCarty and Valerie Freidman of Bullock, Smith & Partners were on hand to give a presentation on the new KSTC planned for downtown. The plan includes such features as:

- 20 bus bays.
- On duty security and KAT customer service.
- Comfortable waiting areas, restrooms and vending machines.
- Pedestrian link to the core of downtown with an urban bridge garden plaza and new crosswalk at Cal Johnson Recreation Center.
- Landscaping features that include draught tolerant plant species and plants that are native to this region.

A motion by Terry Faulkner and seconded by John Luttrell, to draft a thank you letter to Dave Collins and Valerie Freidman for coming out to speak with the Tree Board about the new Knoxville Transit Center planned for downtown.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Kathy Hall, Recording Secretary