

Minutes  
Knoxville Tree Board

February 4, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 by Tree Board Chair Kim Davis. Members attending were Bob Santore, Sara Hedstrom, Steve Noe, Emily Woodle, David Vandergriff, Ed Yost, and Terry Faulkner.

Ex-Officio members present were Tom Simpson, Tn Forestry Division, David McGinley, City Engineering, Jeff McCarter, City Arborist, Anne Wallace, Policy and Communications, Liz Albertson, MPC, David Brace, Deputy Director of Public Service, and Peggy Bradley, Recording Secretary.

Minutes from January meeting were approved.

Kim Davis discussed the letter that was received from Scenic Knoxville and the Board's concern for local tree conservation. (Copy of the letter is in the Tree Board file). There was discussion of possibly in the future for a joint City/County Board. David Vandergriff agreed to work on the response to the letter.

Kim Davis also discussed the distribution of 100,000 trees by Chris Clark and Associates in Nashville. It was suggested that maybe get organizations to help distribute.

Sara Hedstrom reported on the KUB Trim Panel. She is serving on the panel and asked for comments to take to the panel. It was suggested that maybe each spring find ways to educate people on tree trimming, such as info to neighborhood groups, neighborhood newsletters, weekly e-mails, attend neighborhood meetings, and media releases about tree care.

It was agreed to appoint Patrick Beasley as a Committee Member.

The Tree Board would like to recognize Chandler Hancock, the City's contract for tree planting, for his work in the planting of the trees in the city this year. Terry Faulkner agreed to draft the letter.

David Brace gave an update on the new Tree Board Members. He is preparing to get the names that were voted on and nominated by the Tree Board at the January meeting to Mayor Haslam for appointments.

Terry Faulkner gave an update on Arbor Day which will be held on April 23, 2010 at Ijams Nature Center. Letters were sent for the Poster Contest to the three participating schools which are Beaumont, Dogwood, and Mt. Olive.

Tom Simpson said the posters were in the hands of the art teachers and is now left up to the schools to get participation. Deadline is February 25, 2010. Posters will be judged February 26 or March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ed Yost wanted to do a reminder in the schools newsletter regarding the deadline.

Bob Santore commented that Jason Andrews from Modern Woodman would like to have a table at the Arbor Day event. There was discussion regarding the Tree Board promoting private companies and it was suggested that maybe there needs to be a policy developed.

It was suggested that the Education Committee meet prior to Arbor Day. Date was not set.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.