

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
January 8, 2009

The regular meeting of the Knoxville Tree Board was called to order at Ijams Nature Center at 8:30 a.m. on January 8, 2009, with Kim Davis presiding. Elected members present were Terry Faulkner, Tom Wolf, Ed Yost, Emily Woodle, David Vandergriff, Steve Noe, and Rocky Smith.

Ex-Officio members present were Tom Simpson, TN Forestry Division; Jeff McCarter, City Arborist; David McGinley, City Engineering; Anne Wallace, Policy and Communication; Mike Carberry, Metropolitan Planning Commission; and Kathy Hall; Recording Secretary.

MINUTES: Minutes from previous meetings were approved.

REPORTS: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Arbor Day Contest Posters: Anne Wallace submitted a poster contest advertisement, created by Jo Ella Washburn. Tom Simpson will have posters mailed to each school with a fifth grade class. It was noted that private schools in the City were left out of the mailing. Ed Yost will get mailing information for these schools, and poster contest information will be sent to each of them.

OLD BUSINESS

BIJOU THEATER: Anne Wallace did a follow-up with Mike Dunthorn with the Bijou, concerning replacing the trees with shrubs. They are open to suggestions from the Board regarding to the size and types of shrubs that could be planted at minimal cost.

COUNTRY MUSIC PARK: Tree suggestions for Country Music were some variety of Oak or a London Plane. These trees would be planted near the park benches. A three-inch caliper tree was suggested.

TREE PLANTINGS: Tree planted on Sutherland Avenue has been completed, and overall planting for the City is nearly complete.

NEW BUSINESS

A replacement for Dessa Blair was discussed. Names will be submitted, along with further discussion, at the next meeting. It was also suggested that we contact someone at the Sentinel to write a biographical article about Dessa. The Board plans to honor her at this year's Arbor Day program.

Updating the website with a new group picture was discussed. We will take new photos at the February meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Kathy Hall, Recording Secretary