

MINUTES

KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD

JUNE 5, 2008

The regular meeting of the Knoxville Tree Board was called to order at Ijams Nature Center at 8:35 a.m. on June 5, 2008, with Beth Eason presiding. Board members present were Kim Davis, Dessa Blair, Steve Noe, John Luttrell, Rocky Smith, and Bob Santore.

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : DESSA BLAIR

Arbor Day 2008 Report: Dessa expressed her appreciation to the Tree Board. She sent out thank you letters to those that performed. She cited a few problems, and areas that need to be improved on in the future.

- Communication needs to be improved. The onsite location for the event changed from indoors to outdoors, and no one was notified.
- More media attention is needed for this event.
- The group needs to be more organized, and together as a cohesive group.
- Other items to work on will be seating, decorating the site, getting a tent, and organizing certain aspects of the event with the Office of Special Events.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: BETH EASON

There has been some discussion, but before the committee proceeds any further, they feel that we need to take a look at the term expiration dates. There is a concern as to the accuracy of the information. They will hopefully have a nominee named by August or September.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK COMMITTEE: BETH EASON

Beth suggested that we look back at the thoughts and ideas that were discussed at the retreat last year to develop a strategic plan. The group needs to gather information, set goals, tie in neighborhood groups, and get feedback from KUB's annual report. She would also like to invite representatives from KUB to join us at one of our monthly meetings. Also, another retreat needs to be held to follow-up on the progress made by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Possible removal of the large Silver Maple at James White Fort was discussed. A portion of the tree is rotted and needs to be removed immediately. When this section is removed, the remaining section will not only become a hazard, but will soon have to be removed as well. After much discussion, a motion was made by John Luttrell and seconded by Rocky Smith, to have the City Arborist, Jeff McCarter and Tom Wolf to inspect the tree. If upon inspection, it is determined that the tree needs to be removed, the city arborist will have it removed. It is also recommended that a replacement tree be provided for them in the upcoming tree-planting season.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to the upcoming July 4th holiday, a motion was made by John Luttrell, and seconded by Rocky Smith, to reschedule the July meeting for July 10th. The motion passed.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Kathy Hall, Recording Secretary