

## **Knoxville Tree Board**

### **Minutes**

**June 3, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 by Tree Board Chair, Kim Davis. Members attending were Steve Noe, Terry Faulkner, David Vandergriff, Ed Yost, Bob Santore, and Sam Adams.

Ex-Officio Members present were Jeff McCarter, City Arborist, Anne Wallace, Policy and Communications, David McGinley, City Engineering, Liz Albertson, MPC, Chad Weth, Public Service Planning & Personnel Coordinator, and Peggy Bradley, Recording Secretary.

Minutes from the May 6, 2010 meeting were approved.

Terry Faulkner wanted to discuss the possibility of changing the meeting time from 8:00 back to the previous time of 8:30. Kim Davis responded the reason the time changed originally was to accommodate members work schedules. Kim stated that because there were several members not present, she would call them and take a poll to determine how many wanted to change the time or to remain as is.

Terry Faulkner also brought to the board's attention the July meeting was on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend and it was agreed that the meeting would be rescheduled to July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Visitors Center

Terry Faulkner reported that she had turned over to Chad Weth locations for 40 trees to be submitted with the TAEP Grant. David Vandergriff stated that Tom Simpson informed him that there would probably be no TAEP grants next year.

Chad Weth discussed the procedures of doing a segment on CTV regarding tree topping, utility pruning, and other tree maintenance issues. Sam Adams and David Vandergriff will get the information to Chad Weth and he will then finalize with CTV.

Kim Davis will explore the option of a billboard sign regarding tree topping. There was discussion of the possibility of ads in community newspaper, obtaining more tree topping signs, and the Office of Neighborhoods having an article in their weekly newsletter.

David Vandergriff gave an update of the KUB Trim Panel meeting. Suggestion was made that possibly the Tree Board a letter to the Panel and make a recommendation about tree topping. Anne Wallace suggested doing a Resolution regarding tree topping and an Ordinance in the future to obtain support from City Council.

Chad Weth also reported on the City's budget that was passed for F/Y 2010-2011. We had no capital projects or receive any funds for Market Square or downtown maintenance.

David Vandergriff stated that Tom Simpson asked him to report that UT College of Agriculture received a grant to support minority students in the Urban Forestry Program.

Kim Davis inquired as to what different committees were working on at this time. As Chair of the Community Action Committee, Sam Adams will be working on media relations, Steve Noe, as Chair of the Policy & Planning Committee, is looking at the Tree Board's By-Laws to be updated if necessary, and the Urban Canopy Committee will be meeting on June 16, 2010 to discuss the tree inventory, and review the current tree bid and tree planting contract.

Liz Albertson gave a report on the Food Policy Council's project called Edible Landscaping and healthy community gardens. She spoke about child obesity rate being at such a high rate and target areas being Lonsdale, Inskip, and Mascot.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.