

TREE BOARD MEETING  
July 5, 2018  
12:30 p.m.  
Planning & Development Conference Room

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairperson Haston, Vice-Chairperson Harris, Board Member Webster

Members Absent: Board Members Olson and Sorenson

Staff Present: Perry Eckhardt Senior Planner  
Kirby Dieterman MS4 Coordinator  
Cindy Garner MDC Community Forester

AGENDA ITEMS

Approve May 2, 2018 Minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Board Member Webster, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Eckhardt reported the Tree Board has been authorized to spend \$10,000 for fiscal year 2018, and we are looking to approve \$25,000 for fiscal year 2019.

Vice-Chairman Harris suggested using the remainder of this year's funds for Gretna, with emphasis on the islands near the new Chamber of Commerce building, and then using next year's funds for Branson Hills Parkway.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF ONGOING PROJECTS

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

The Huff House won the June award. Voting for the July award must be completed by Wednesday, July 11th.

DO NOT PLANT/SUGGEST PLANT LISTS:

Chairman Haston suggested adding bald cypress, lacebark elm, kousa dogwood, American holly, katsura tree, Carolina silverbell, hardy rubber tree, horse chestnut, and sweet Bay Magnolia.  
Mr. Haston recommended removing the red oak family from the list because his experience taught him that they did not perform well.

Mr. Eckhardt stated the Do Not Plant Lists were based on lists from the Missouri Botanical Garden, Morton Arboretum, Fayetteville Arkansas, the USDA Southern Research Station, and other regional lists and corroborated with the USDA Plants Database.

Mr. Eckhardt also explained that when reviewing plans, that plants, other than suggested plants, are allowed. The suggested plants are provided to promote natives, which aligns with the Comprehensive Plan, and they will likely perform best on our native soils.

GRETNA ISLANDS:

Work continues on the islands and Public Works is looking at installing irrigation.

TREE WATERING SCHEDULE

Mrs. Jackson continues with the weekly watering schedule and will continue until we get adequate rain or until the trees go dormant.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PROJECTS

ADOPT-A- STREET SPRING PICKUP:

September 20th and November 8th were the dates selected for the fall pickup. The pickup will commence at 1:00 pm on both days.

BRANSON HILLS PROJECT:

Staff will be sending out an email to determine a site evaluation date.

TREE REGISTRATION

Vice-Chairman Harris agreed to enter the tree planting data into the database.

FALL/WINTER TOUR

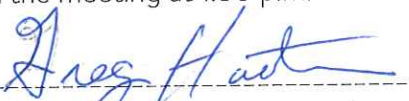
The group decided to tour the Lovett Pinetum near Springfield, Missouri.

ARBORFEST

Staff will attempt to tag onto another city event to provide more exposure to the annual event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Harris and seconded by Board Member Webster and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.



Greg Haston, Chairperson

9/5/18

Date



Amy Jackson, Planner

9/5/18

Date