

**KIRKWOOD URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City of Kirkwood**

**139 S. Kirkwood Road**

**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

**September 28, 2021**

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Tanner Craft, Chris Molitor, Mike Hankins, Barbara Sandhagen, Carol Rush, David Weidler – Staff Liaison, Cory Meyer – Urban Forester,

**ABSENT:** Ned Golterman, Renee Werner

**GUESTS:**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission convened on September 28, 2021 via Zoom for a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under Section 610.015 of the Mo. Sunshine Law provides that members of the Urban Forestry Commission who are not physically at the meeting site can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency is stated in the minutes.

The U.S., and the world, is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus—Covid-19. Therefore, members of the Urban Forestry Commission have elected to participate in this meeting electronically for the public health and safety of each other and the general public.

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by **Carol Rush**.
2. Secretary Report: Motion was made by **Tanner Craft** and seconded by **Barbara Sandhagen** to approve minutes as submitted. Minutes from the August 24, 2021 meeting of the Commission were approved unanimously.
3. Tree Removal Requests: N/A
4. Urban Forester Report: **Cory Meyer** storm debris removal concluded from the July and August 12 storm events at an estimated cost of $125,000. Cory stated that an emphasis is educating property owners to promote proper tree pruning, as trees pruned in the last 5 years received limited damage. 12 trees were added to the emergency removal list due to the storms. To date this fiscal year 93 trees have been removed or need to be removed. Keep Kirkwood Green and 50 Trees are still on schedule to plant trees this year.
5. ACTIVITY REPORTS
	1. Junior TreeKeepers Program: The subcommittee of **Carol Rush**, **Ned Golterman**, **Renee Werner** and **Tanner Craft** are looking to meet in January**.** Subcommittee to look into kids’ giveaways.
	2. Education and Outreach:
	3. Award and Grant Submittals:
		1. Tree city, USA. Recertification (Growth award if applicable) Due 12/31/21.
		2. MDC- Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence: Due 12/01/21.
		3. KUFC Advocate Award – Due 3/31/2022.
	4. KUFC Annual Report: Due 1/30/2022.
	5. Event Participation: Greentree went well and the booth was well received.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. using Zoom.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn 8:11 p.m.

Carol Rush, Chair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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