



Citizen Advisory Committee

March 23, 2017

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Center, 290 East Central, Springfield, MO

First Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes: Mindy Spitz opened the meeting at 12:33 pm.

- **In Attendance**
 - **Members present:** Mindy Spitz, Kelly Guenther, Matt Suarez, Zach Miller, Amanda Stadler, Jane Earnhart and Nick Baker
 - **Staff Liaisons:** Casey Jo Kellner, Scott Gunzenhauser and Ben Kellner
- **Audience:** Vivian Wasson, Charles Ewing, Sarah Davis, Melanie Rappard and Amy Jackson
- **Welcome Guests:** Matt Suarez invited Garrett Washington
- **Handouts:** February 2017 Meeting Minutes, Tree Canopy Projects Status, General Reforestation project maps (Sunset at HAWK crossing, Dan Kinney Park, Sanford Park, and Erie Ferguson Channel), TCUSA website ideas, 2017 Arbor Day Event Schedule
- **Announcements/Remarks:** Public Works letter passed around for signing; Begin "Thanking" those in the community that promote positive tree care; Possibly buying TCUSA magnetic name tags for members interested in wearing at events and meetings- Mindy Spitz will follow up on costs associated; Sarah Davis mentioned a newly installed planter box on one of the downspouts on the ERC building- rain garden in a box; Amanda Stadler stated that someone from the community contacted her concerned with the replacement of trees that were vandalized at Phelps Grove Park.
- **Old Business**
 - **Approval of February Minutes:** First motion by Matt Suarez, second by Kelly Guenther; motion carries- minutes are approved for February.
 - **Reforestation:** 440 trees planted so far; See maps handout for General Reforestation projects
 - **NeighborWoods:** Troy Powell attended the Lawn & Garden Show at the ERC booth and presented the NeighborWoods program to the West Central Neighborhood association
 - **Tree Canopy Projects:** See handout
 - **Landscape Ordinance:** No update
 - **Public Meeting Speaking Rules:** Table to May
 - **Arbor Day Poster Contest update:** TCUSA representative spots are all filled for dedication ceremonies; See Arbor Day schedule handout.
 - **CU Tree Coupons Update:** Currently one application has been reviewed and approved- family from the Mt Vernon street widening project.
- **New Business**
 - **Website Revisions:** Use Google chrome when opening website. A quick tutorial of the website was presented by Casey Jo Kellner.
 - **Tree Registry Awareness Campaign:** Possibly a technical meeting setup; Table to May
 - **Face book for Tree City:** Table to May
 - **Friends of Tree City USA:** Table to April- Kelly Guenther would like to be part of conversation
 - **Promotion of Tree City USA:** Table to April
 - **MCFC Conference:** (Mindy Spitz) Had a wonderful time and learned a lot; Proposed a committee trip to Lovett Pinetum



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- **Upcoming Events:** TCUSA Tour, Tree Climbing Championship held June 3rd-4th, Arbor Day Events in April
- **Agenda for April:** Discuss tour

**Jane Earnhardt 1st motioned to adjourn, seconded by Nick Baker.
Mindy Spitz adjourned at 1:50 pm.**

Members

- Ozark Greenways (OG): Kelly Guenther
- Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO): Zach Clapper
- Springfield Neighborhood Organization: Amanda Stadler
- Development Community: Jane Earnhart(12/14) 885-1716
- Development Community: Zach Miller (12/15) 861-0307

- **Citizens-at-Large:**
 - Nick Baker: **Member**
 - Matt Suarez: **Member, Vice Chair**
 - Mindy Spitz: **Member, Chair**
 - Member: **Vacant**

- **Staff Liaisons:**
 - Ben Kellner, Parks Supervisor (864-1178)
 - Joe Payne, Public Works Operations Supervisor (864-1954)
 - Casey Jo Kellner, Urban Forester (864-1135)
 - Scott Gunzenhauser, City Utilities (863-9000)

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