

**City of Ladue**  
**Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee**  
**September 11, 2020**  
**Zoom Conference**

**Members present**

Laure Hullverson, Nancy Ylvisaker, Tom McCarthy, Pat Steiner, Clint Williams

**Others present**

Director of Public Works Anne Lamitola; City Arborist Sean Seed; Administrative Assistant Ashley Quinn; and Councilman John Fox.

Chairperson Laure Hullverson called the meeting to order.

**Agenda and Minutes Approval**

A typo was noted under “other matters deem appropriate” that will be adjusted. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes as adjusted. Clint seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Public Forum**

None

**Project Updates**

Sean provided an update on the \$10,000 TRIM grant which would be used removal of 9 dead or diseased trees and 48 stumps on the City’s right-of-way and the pruning of 117 moderate to low risk trees. The estimate of work to be done was \$19,700.

It was reported that the Master Plan for Rodes Park had been deferred due to COVID, it has been placed in the budget for 2021 with the spending to take place in 2022. Committee members strongly urged Anne to bring this matter forward. Anne agreed to discuss the Planning Grant with the Mayor as the City’s share is only \$1600.

Anne shared that there would be Ameren pole replacements in the easement along Warson Rd. The city has been offered \$43,000 in compensation for the easement use. This would require some tree removals. Councilman Fox stated that he would appreciate BOSTA recommendation to council on this use of the easement. Anne stated that she would arrange another on-site meeting and invite Tom McCarthy to participate. She also indicated that the City would utilize the Tree Keeper Software to negotiate for additional compensation utilizing tree value estimate.

Discussion ensued regarding a honeysuckle hack for November 2020. Staff would send an email to gauge interest from the community. The suggested date was November 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 10 am at Edie’s Mulch Site.

The Committee members discussed articles for the next newsletter. Nancy, Laure, Pat and Tom all offered to work on things for the newsletter and would submit to Ashley and Anne.

The topic of a letter to St. Louis Country Club and other private clubs regarding the removal of honeysuckle was discussed. The letter would be addressed from the BOSTA board. Councilman Fox would like the City Council to look at the letter before sending out to the private clubs. Laure would work on drafting a letter to send around for input.

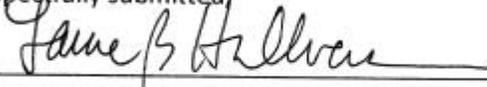
**Other Matters Deemed Appropriate**

Discussion ensued regarding the area at 170 and Ladue Rd. Anne reiterated that the plantings would be on MO-DOT property. If there was a desire to plant a single species of native plantings, then a site plan will be needed. The area is mowed by a third-party contractor and the City wants to ensure that the mowing contractor was properly informed regarding areas that are not be mowed. Pat stated that the east side is the priority based on existing condition.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 4 at 7:30 am.

Tom made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Nancy Ylvisaker. All in favor voted "AYE" and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laure Hullverson", is written over a horizontal line.

Laure Hullverson, Chairperson