

**City of Ladue**  
**Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee**  
*"Less mowing, more growing."*

**January 11, 2019, 7:30 am**  
**Public Works Conference Room**

**Members present**

Laure Hullverson, Tom McCarthy, Clint Williams, and Pat Steiner

**Others present**

Director of Public Works, Anne Lamitola; Arborist, Sean Seed; Administrative Assistant, Ashley Quinn; Councilman, John Fox; and Danny Moncheski, Missouri Department of Conservation

Laure called the meeting to order.

**Minutes**

Pat Steiner made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 meeting as submitted. Tom McCarthy seconded the motion. All present voted "aye" and the minutes were approved.

**Public Form**

None

**Presentation**

Laure introduced Danny Moncheski of the Missouri Department of Conservation. Danny is the Community Forester for our area. He gave an overview of the City:

- 54% canopy cover total in Ladue, which includes both public and private space
- 64% of that area is privately owned space
- 8.8% (440 acres) is City owned space
- 58 acres of plantable space exists

He gave an overview of how a tree study works and what data is collected on the trees.

Questions were raised about why types of projects could be done with TRIM grant funds. Danny shared examples of other municipal projects such as planning, trimming, hazardous tree removal and education. The average amount of total funding to distribute is \$64,000, with a \$10,000 maximum to a recipient. He also shared information on cost sharing funds that can grant up to \$6,000 per year. Private land owners can receive these funds, there is no limit to how many years you can receive and they disbursements run on a fiscal year (July to June).

A discussion followed about a honeysuckle showcase for removal and replanting with native species. The Committee discussed possible areas for clearing and options such as having a school take on the area as a project. Danny stated he would be open to a Q&A section regarding honeysuckle that could be posted in our City newsletter.

### **Arbor Day**

Anne and Ashley would be preparing a proclamation for Arbor Day that would go to City Council in March 2019.

A discussion ensued about the art poster contest and the school contacts for information distribution.

The Committee also discussed a location on City campus for tree planting at the Arbor Day Celebration. Sean would work with Larry Johnson on a location and tree species for planting.

Laure and Pat would draft a cover letter for the art contest to accompany the guidelines distributed to the schools.

### **Municipal Park Grant Commission Planning Grant**

Anne gave an update on the consultants, she would recommend going to SWT for the preparation of the plan.

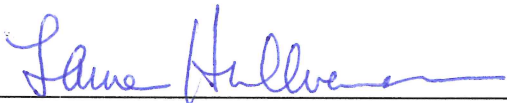
Laure made a motion to support a resolution for the Park Planning Grant for the Edie's Mulch site. Tom seconded the motion. All present voted "aye" in support of.

### **Other Matters Deemed Appropriate**

None

Laure made a motion to adjourn, Pat seconded the motion. All voted "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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Laure Hullverson, Chairperson