

**City of Ladue- Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee
December 8, 2022**

Ladue Police Department Conference room and via Zoom Meetings

Members present

Laure Hullverson, Pat Steiner, Nancy Ylvisaker, Brook Palanca, and Tom McCarthy

Others present

Director of Public Works Anne Lamitola; City Arborist Sean Seed; Public Works Specialist Ashley Quinn

Residents David Woltz, Fred and Michelle Khani, Jonathan Dehner

Laure asked for motion to approve the minutes 11/11/2022 and agenda. Pat made a motion, all voted Aye.

Public Comment

David Woltz, resident from Upper Barnes, has been in contact with Jerry Skubic, the City's property maintenance and housing inspector, regarding concerns about a bamboo grove located on an adjoining property. The general concern is regarding the neighbor's lack of maintenance and care for the bamboo which has been present for roughly 25 years and has taken over a large area. Mr. Woltz is requesting that the City adopt an ordinance that bamboo be contained by a barrier and that property owners have to remove bamboo from properties where the plant material encroaches.

Laure agrees with Mr. Woltz that property owners should maintain and contain bamboo on their property just as you would be required to maintain anything on the property.

Laure made a recommendation that we draft an ordinance that requires homeowners with existing bamboo to maintain and contain it on their property. Staff will have to speak with the City attorney regarding whether the ordinance can require the owners of the bamboo to remediate it on the neighboring property. David suggested any barrier set back off of a property line and that we include specific language regarding the type of barrier.

Pat made a motion to draft an ordinance that requires owners with bamboo on their property to install an appropriate barrier specified by the ordinance, 4-6 feet from their property line. Tom seconded, all vote aye.

Tree Removal Permit – 300 S. McKnight

Fred and Michelle Khani, residents at 300 S. McKnight are requesting to remove a tree that is shown on the tree removal plan that was denied at the previous meeting. This tree is in the way of the garage construction progressing. Mr. Khani would like approval to move forward with this one tree being removed. Anne stated that the City would like a timeline for the planting of the replacement trees from the original tree removal permit. Mr. Khani stated that they are 2-3 weeks out for starting to plant trees after rough grading and the driveway work is completed. He provided a listing of the trees purchased for replanting. Mr. Khani stated that the number of trees proposed for replanting is twice as many as required by the City. Weather permitting, plantings should be installed no later than early January. Their construction for the proposed outbuilding cannot proceed with the footing and pouring of the driveway

if this is held up for moving forward with the tree removal. Discussion ensued. Tom made a motion to approve the 1 tree removal as long as 25 trees are planted according to the plan along Dromara, within 3 weeks. Plantings are required to be inspected by the City Arborist, and if that is not done then a stop work order on the whole project could be put in place. Nancy seconded the motion. All members voted aye.


Tom and Brook had to leave the meeting

Ch. 102 rewrite –

Discussion ensued regarding additional ordinance changes desired by the Committee. One of the changes being the definition of dead/dying condition. Sean suggested a percentage of 60% of dieback being added to the wording. All were in favor of that. Other changes discussed were those regarding bamboo, invasive species and approved bamboo barriers. Wording for a new chapter 102 would be drafted by staff and review at the next meeting scheduled for January 12, 2023.

Pat made a motion to adjourn, and Nancy seconded the motion. All present voted Aye

Meeting adjourned 9:20am



Laure Hullverson, Chairperson