

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

August 23, 2019, 7:30 am
Building Department Conference Room

Members present

Laure Hullverson, Pat Steiner, Clint Williams

Others present

Director of Public Works, Anne Lamitola; Administrative Assistant, Ashley Quinn; and Mayor Nancy Spewak

Laure called the meeting to order.

Agenda and Minutes Approval

All voted in favor of approving the agenda

All voted in favor of approving the minutes from the May 10, 2019 meeting as submitted.

Public Form – None

Laure started the meeting with a discussion about future goals for the committee and asked everyone to be thinking about items we should be focusing on. The quarterly meetings going forward were chosen for: September 20, 2019; December 6, 2019; March 6, 2020; and May 15, 2020 and an Arbor Day Celebration on April 25, 2020.

A discussion ensued about future focuses of the group such as community education about the importance of native plantings, the physical appearance of City maintained properties and partnering with property owners regarding honeysuckle removal.

Project Updates

Tree Inventory – Anne reported that City Arborist, Sean Seed had prepared a memo for the committee with his recommendation for the company to provide a City-wide tree inventory. Sean was unable to be at the meeting. His recommendation was to contract with Davey Resource Group. The proposal from Davey includes a one-year free subscription for the tree inventory software, their offices are regional to St. Louis and provided a lower overall bid amount.

Clint made a motion to recommend the proposal by Davey Resource Group with the free one-year subscription of software and the standard management plan. Pat seconded the motion. All present voted "aye", motion passes.

Parks Planning Grant – Edie's Mulch Site – Anne provided an update on the Master Plan for the Edie's Mulch Site. The draft plan was provided in the packet. The committee discussed areas of importance with trail connections. Pat commented that the "priority implementation plan" did not include the construction of the pole barn for keeping of Public Works equipment. She felt this was an important feature. The committee had additional questions about the plan that they would like clarification on from SWT Design. Laure suggested a meeting with SWT Design staff to go over questions. A meeting date of August 28 was decided. Members attending would be prepared with their questions.

Clint suggested that the draft Master Plan be presented to City Council, under the condition that the Committee's questions were sufficiently addressed at the August 28th meeting.

Clint made a motion to allow staff to move forward with presenting the Draft Master Plan to City Council at the September meeting along with a Committee recommendation for the "priority implementation plan" with the addition of a pole barn. Laure seconded the motion. All voted "aye", motion passes.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

The committee discussed a volunteer event for removal of honeysuckle at Edie's Mulch Site.

Anne reported that the City was looking at contracting for mowing of MoDOT rights-of-way that the City currently mows as well as other MoDOT areas that residents would like to be cut more frequently. This expense will be included in the 2020 Road and Bridge Fund budget for potential approval by City Council.

The next meeting date is September 20, 2019.

Laure called for the meeting to adjourn, all present voted "aye" and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Laure Hullverson, Chairperson