

**City of Ladue- Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee**  
**August 23, 2022**  
**Via Zoom Meetings**

**Members present**

Laure Hullverson, Pat Steiner, Nancy Ylvisaker and Tom McCarthy

**Others present**

Director of Public Works Anne Lamitola; City Arborist Sean Seed; Public Works Specialist Ashley Quinn, and Councilman John Howell

Chairperson Laure Hullverson called the meeting to order.

**Agenda and Minutes Approval**

Nancy made a motion to approve the meeting agenda and the June 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Pat seconded the motion to approve. All voted in favor and the agenda and minutes were approved.

**Public Forum**

Fred and Michelle Khani, 300 S McKnight and Craig Murphy, Frontenac Forestry were in attendance.

**Committee Work Session – Tree Removal Permitting and Review**

Laure gave an overview of Sec. 102-14 for tree removal permits. Currently a removal of 25% or more of the trees on a property being removed triggers the requirement for tree replacements. The current proposal is to change that threshold to 5 or more trees OR 25% of more. The original 25% was a recommendation from the City's contract landscape architect, Laurel Harrington.

Anne stated that currently the City Council had approved a stay of acceptance for tree removal permits that requested to remove 5 or more trees or 25% of the overall tree count.

**Public Forum**

Mr. Fred Khani, resident of 300 S McKnight, addressed the Committee. He asked for clarification on whether or not the removal limits were cumulative over time and if future homeowners would have to adhere to the percentages of past owners. It was explained by staff that the removals on a property are cumulative and future homeowners could be required to plant replacement trees if their removal limits dictated.

Discussion ensued regarding current review procedures and how certain requirements were enforced by the City. Recommended changes to Ch. 102-14 were discussed such as requiring proof of trustee notification in accordance with other building permit applications, adjustment to the review process and when the BOSTA Committee would be asked to review a permit, permit fees and requirements for tree replacements.

Tom McCarthy made a motion that the BOSTA Committee make a recommendation to the City Council to amend the current Sec. 102-14 to require the BOSTA Committee to review tree removal permits in

addition to the City Arborist, when either 5 trees or more or more than 25% of trees are requested for removal, whichever comes first. This review shall take place within 30 days of application date, and that proof of trustee notification be received for these permits. If no signatures can be obtained and the applicant can demonstrate they have attempted to notify trustees, such requirement will be considered met after a waiting period of 30 business days. The fee for any tree removal permit be increased to \$135 when the Arborist is the only review required, and \$270 when the additional review of the BOSTA Committee is required. Tree replacements for all permits requiring them shall have a replacement of 25% native trees. Motion seconded by Nancy Ylvisaker. All voted aye, motion passed.

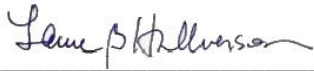
A site visit to Mr. Khani's residence was set so that Committee and staff could visualize the space where Mr. Khani is requesting to remove additional trees from his property.

**Other Matters Deemed Appropriate**

The Honeysuckle Hack is scheduled for Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Ashley will prepare a draft flyer.

The next BOSTA meeting is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> and 7:30 am.

Laure Hullverson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Ylvisaker. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 am.



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Laure Hullverson, Chairperson