

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

September 20, 2019, 7:30 am
Public Works Department Conference Room

Members present

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

Others present

Director of Public Works, Anne Lamitola; Administrative Assistant, Ashley Quinn; and Councilman John Fox.

Laure called the meeting to order.

Agenda and Minutes Approval

Nancy made a motion to approve the agenda, Tom seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the agenda was approved as submitted.

Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2019 meeting, Pat seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Form – None

Committee Goal Setting

Items for future focus were discussed. The Committee would like to develop a planting plan or a resolution for the creation of a plan for native plantings and specific types of trees for use with special projects such as memorial/legacy trees, plantings in public spaces and beautification efforts within the City. Rodes Park could be a good location for a demo area of native plantings and trees. A discussion ensued about language in referring to the usage of Rodes Park and the potential to be utilized by the Public.

A honeysuckle hack event was proposed for Saturday, November 16th at the former mulch site. The event would take place from 8 am – 10 am. This would be in conjunction with the areas proposed for development on the Parks Master Plan as a way to clear the honeysuckle from some of the desired space.

Pat would like to see an emphasis put on keeping up with trash collection in the areas adjacent to roadways and state property. Anne stated this could be taken care of if the City chooses to use a third-party contractor to keep up with mowing and maintenance of state Right-of-Ways.

Nancy would like to see a collaboration with Ameren on trail development in conjunction with their recent clearing.

Items for Committee Follow-Up:

Pat – Write an article for newsletter detailing what BOSTA has accomplished and what the Committee is working on for the future.

Tom – Drafting a Legacy tree planting plan.

Laure- Work on a native planting plan.

Ashley – Prepare flyer for honeysuckle hack to be disseminated.

All drafts should be completed by October 21st and sent to Ashley for combining into one document. It will then be distributed to all members for committee input.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6th, 2019 at 7:30 am.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Nancy seconded the meeting. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laure Hullverson, Chairperson