

Clarksville Tree Board
January 18th, 2023 @ 4:00 PM
4th Floor Staff Mayor's Conference Room
City Hall
Agenda

4:00: Call to order—Karla Gargus

Adoption of minutes from previous meeting.

Announcements: Karla Gargus

- We need a flier for Arbor Day 2023
- We need to spend money in our budget

Continuing business:

City Forester Update – Kathrine

- TAEP grant (all the trees have been planted)
- TN Arbor Day Seedling giveaway is March 3rd
- Tree board budget

Old business:

- Big Tree Contest and Landmark Tree Program
- Update-Tree Board Members for vacancies: Michael Palmore
- Goals and Objectives for the Board for the coming year for the Tree Board. it is what the Board will do for the public. examples include:
 - Assigning Tasks and Roles to our tree board members
 - Tree Topping Campaign
 - Reviewing Bylaws, Mission Statement
 - Fall Arbor Day Celebration
 - TAEP Grant
 - Art Contest

New business:

Other business:

Next meeting:

March 8th, 4:00 p.m. 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall

c. 5:00: Adjourn

Clarksville Tree Board Meeting Minutes

January, 18, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

Tree Board: Chairperson-Karla Gargus, Misty Robertson, Levi Main & Melissa Nolan

City Council Liaison: Karen Reynolds

City Staff: Michael Palmore, Kathrine "Katie" Killebrew & Cindy Miller

4:00 Call to Order-Karla Gargus

Minutes from December Meeting:

Motion to Approve-Karen Reynolds

Motion Seconded-Levi

Minutes Approved by Attendees

Announcements-Karla Gargus

Per Mark Riggins with CG&W, in order to uphold city ordinances, the trees along Riverside Dr. that were planted over 20 years ago with no Tree Board input and are above a water main have to be removed. The Tree Board will settle on any landscape plans for the area going forward.

Discussion:

- Karen Reynolds asked the EDC to do a study of the new TIF District.
- Michael says holes from Riverside trees will be topped with brick unless the Tree Board decides on a different plan. Business owners should take more responsibility for beautification of their areas. He suggested a Riverside Dr. clean up event, possibly including the Sustainability Board, the Tree Board and APSU.
- Katie mentioned that to plant new trees along that stretch of Riverside poses a danger to the city workers that have to prune them

City Forester Update-Kathrine Killebrew

- Tree City USA and the Growth awards look at the past year's activities. Clarksville has gotten a Tree City USA award 44 years and the Growth award 18 years now. (Accomplishments & Activities 2022 was handed out)
- A Climate & Economic Justice screening map is out and it encourages cities to put trees in disadvantaged areas. Karla mentioned they handed out apple trees in Lincoln Holmes several years ago. Karen pointed out that a climate map would be good to share with the public to get their input on where they would like to see trees planted. Karla suggested focusing on planting around children's' play areas for shade.

Canopy Study-Karen Reynolds

The State Forestry Division normally does canopy studies, but there is a cost per Michael. He suggests we reach out to APSU to see if they will partner with us capture the data for the study to help keep costs down.

Inventory of Trees on City Property-Michael Palmore

Michael is involved in writing the RFQ, then bidders will come in with proposals and the Tree Board will rank them and vote on who to work with. The things we are looking for is whether a tree is diseased or has been hit by lightning, etc.

Topping Trees-Kathrine Killebrew

We should find ways to educate the public on why it is not good to have trees topped. It wastes money and causes major damage to trees. Karen suggested a video for the city's website. Michael suggested hosting events and raffling off a visit by members of the Tree Board to a home or two per year to answer their tree and foliage questions and possibly do soil sampling. Karen says she is hosting a town hall in city ward 9 at the Fallen Brewery soon and welcomes tree discussion. Misty suggests hosting events in new neighborhoods where residents haven't started planting yet, putting up plastic signs in new neighborhoods with QR code for a landing page with tree, soil and plant information as well as invitations to upcoming events. Misty also suggested having flyers posted at realty offices in town for new home owners to get the link.

Upcoming Events:

- Tennessee Arbor Day Seedling Giveaway-March 3rd, 2023 @ Liberty Park, time to be determined

Normally 5 seedlings are given on a first come, first serve basis. Michael suggested having a QR code or an on line form so data can be collected for future events to prevent waste and order more trees if needed. The board discussed holding a certain amount back for those that aren't technically inclined. That count will be added in with the on-line data. Karla suggests adding the link to the East TN Division of Forestry and our new QR code or form link to the cards they give out with bundles.

- Tennessee Tree Day-March 17th, 2023 9-5 & March 18th, 2023 9-12

Distribution site-Edith Pettus Park 345 Farris Dr. Trees have to be ordered online and are \$1.99 ea.

https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTU3MTA3

- Downtown Market "Green Day" Booth-Spring, 2023

We partner with the Master Gardeners and the Bee Keepers. We discussed inviting the Sustainability Board.

Motion to Adjourn-Misty

Motion Seconded-Levi