

Tree Advisory and Education Board Minutes 5/13/2020

Attendees: Lara R, Laura B, Linda Grandstaff, Marc Dann, Matt Krebs, Sam Bonvissuto, David Sangree, Tristan Rader, Tom Bullock

This meeting was held via Go-to-Meeting, called to order at 6 p.m.

The minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Marc and second by Laura. Linda noted that meeting notices, agendas and minutes will be filed with Melissa Garrett for recordkeeping.

David Sangree, past chair of the predecessor Tree Commission, attended the meeting and reviewed the background on the commission and its 19 goals for the city, of which several were implemented. He reviewed 8 of those actions in detail and provided follow up materials following the meeting. The Board will review and discuss at our next meetings for further action.

Sam indicated that there is a spending freeze for the City due to the coronavirus shutdown and economic impacts. However, 226 trees were planted in the spring, and an additional 174 are planned for fall planting, for a total of 400. The Board discussed targeting 50 of the 400 for a Private Property Planting campaign discussed at prior meetings. Members of the board will work on identifying the target addresses for a planned mailing to encourage homeowner participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.