MEETING MINUTES Urban Forest Commission May 18, 2023

Attendees: Peter Glenn, Kenny Allen, David Clegg, Beth Rosplock, Tom Mauntel, Todd Herrmann, Johnna Herrmann

Peter Glenn called the meeting of the Urban Forest Commission (UFC) to order at the corner of Kenton Lands and Crescent Ave at 4:05pm, Thursday, May 18, 2023.

## **Meeting Notes**

- The Commission discussed the streetscape beautification project at the corner of Kenton Lands and Crescent Ave and toured the area.
- Black fencing will be added along the trail.
- Brainstormed ideas for the area including: a backdrop of burning bushes, reshape the area around the sign with fresh landscaping and extend the bed, add a bench with a dog waste station, incorporate dogwoods and other low growing trees along the street and throughout the area
- Discussed churches and businesses adopting a portion of the area to keep it weeded and clean; can post signs to promote their partnership
- Crossroads and Seven Hills churches may volunteer to help prep and plant this area
- Discussed incorporating bee habitats and pollinator gardens with wildflowers and low maintenance perennials
  - o Could promote our strategy of establishing natural habitat efforts with City Council and City of Erlanger citizens to gain support and future funding
- Discussed that it would be ideal to obtain software that enables us to take pictures of the area and visualize the landscape
- Discussed the idea of the Erlanger Garden Club. The City could support and guide the group. Would need to identify someone who would volunteer to organize it. Edgewood Garden Club meets monthly in the early evening.
- Discussed reviewing City of Erlanger business landscape requirements to make recommendations to make the requirements more robust

## **Action Items:**

- Kenny will schedule time with Peter to draw up the design of this area we toured today.
- Kenny will look into software applications that could be purchased to help visualize projects
- Peter will send the link to the current City of Erlanger landscape requirements to the Commission so that we can review before the June meeting

| <b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday, June 15, 2023 4:0 review business landscape requirements | 0 p.m. | Will | review | proposed | design | and |
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| RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:   |        |      |        |          |        |     |
| Johnna Herrmann, UFC Secretary  |        |      |        |          |        |     |
| APPROVED:   |        |      |        |          |        |     |
| Kevin D. Quinn, Public Works  |        |      |        |          |        |     |
| Peter M. Glenn, Public Works - Director   |        |      |        |          |        |     |
| Attested by:  |        |      |        |          |        |     |
| Sherry Hoffman, City Clerk  |        |      |        |          |        |     |