MEETING MINUTES -Draft Urban Forest Commission January 19, 2023

Attendees: Kevin Quinn, David Clegg, Tom Mauntel, Johnna Herrmann

Kevin Quinn called the meeting of the Urban Forest Commission (UFC) to order in the City of Erlanger Public Works Facility at 4:05pm, Thursday, January 23, 2023.

MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION

Meeting Minutes

The Commission approved the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes.

General Discussion

Tree City, USA

 Kevin informed the Commission that Erlanger is approved to be a Tree City USA by the state of Kentucky

Budget Update

 Kevin informed the Commission that Peter is asking for another \$10K to be added to our budget. The current Beautification budget is \$40K.

2023 Project Review

- Kevin reviewed the Bonded Lock project progress with the Commission and discussed the additional improvements planned for the area.
- Kevin asked for the Commission's input on other trees that could be planted here. Discussed dogwoods, eastern redbuds, and willow oaks. We will discuss in the next meeting.
- They are sending an application to the state to install horse fencing to mirror the site at Turkeyfoot and Stevenson.

2024-2026 Project Review

 Kevin discussed additional projects projected between 2024 and 2026 (small concrete wall in front of Walgreens and Cherry Hill entrance.

Planter Pot Program

- Discussed the planter pot program that will allow business owners to purchase a large container pot that can be personalized (painted) and displayed in front of their business.
- Kevin shared the pots that had been painted and primed as examples.
- We will start off small with a test pilot with a goal of securing 5-10 businesses who sign up for the program.
- The Commission reviewed the flyer that was developed as a prototype.
- David Clegg will contact several business owners to gauge interest and seek feedback on pot design.

Arbor Day Celebration

- Kevin discussed the plans for this year's Arbor Day celebration to be held at Flagship Park.
- There will be a tree planting demo, a volunteer opportunity to help plant trees at the top of Flagship Park, lunch, and giveaways.
- The Commission approved Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the event date and time.
- Johnna Herrmann will develop a promotional flyer prototype and send for review in the February meeting.

Action Items for Next Meeting:

- David to approach several business owners about the planter pot program.
- Johnna to develop the Arbor Day flyer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2023 4:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Johnna Herrmann, UFC Secretary

APPROVED:

Kevin D. Quinn, Public Works

Pleter M. Glenn, Public Works - Director

Attested by:

Sherry Hoffman, City Clerk