

## June 16, 2008 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Kelly Fleissner, Rob Marohn, Christine Penny, Jim Larson, Margi Preus

Absent: Brian Allen, Ethan Perry, Louise Levy, Rick Gitar, John Doberstein

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

### Trees in the News

- Jim—DNT article, "Minnesotan strives to revive chestnuts"
- Kelly -- costs and benefits of boulevard trees
- Margi – June 17 article about the planting of a black oak near the graves of the lynching victims

### Forester Report

- budget problems; dealing with the shortfall
- initial reports are that forester's dept is in fairly good shape, as long as there no more cuts
- Parks & Rec Dept might change the way the facilities are used (using schools instead of deteriorated bldgs.) partnering w/schools
- stormy first half of June; dealing with that, trail damage w/rains, etc.
- hazard trees in parks and boulevards
- St. Louis River folks are looking to do buckthorn removal along Western Waterfront Trail

### New Business

- Rob asked about photo contest. Amy Brooks on the Hartley Board has suggested that we partner with Hartley on this and then display the winning entries at Hartley. Kelly will talk to Amy Norris to see where she's at with this. John Doberstein has also worked on the photo contest.
- Brochure – Rob reiterated that he will help with the brochure. Christine suggested Wendy S?
- meeting w/mayor- Kelly filled in others about that. Rob asked about whether we've submitted the ordinance to the city attorney's office and suggests that we get our document in the queue.
- Christine talked about her assignment for the tree ordinance which was to research standards for tree planting complexities. MNDOT has standards based on the American Nurseryman
- certified arborist or landscape architect

### Old Business

- Jim will set up meeting with Sharla Gardner
- Rob will talk to Reinert
- Margi has called or emailed last year's tree-scaping winners for photos and will write a press release for the DNT and other possible places
- Rob will work on the photo contest in August.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.