



**Northern Kentucky**  
**Urban and Community Forestry Council**  
**12PM Wednesday February 18, 2009**  
**Kenton County Extension Durr Annex Center Room C**  
**3099 Dixie Highway, Edgewood, KY. 41018 (859) 356-3155**  
**Minutes**

### **Call Meeting to Order**

**Introductions /Welcome: Members present – Girton, Bach, Bezold, Ariel, Dee, Gulick, Davis, Bartel, Scully, Stone, Klahr, Egbers, Carran, Meyers**  
**Approve Minutes from January 21, 2009 Meeting – Approved as submitted**  
**Approval of financial report – Approved as submitted**

### **Old Business**

#### **ISA Certified Arborist Program Results / Volunteers– DJ Scully**

For the 2008 projects, Dave Trinkle and Jason Roberts were successful in passing the test; the third candidate will retake the test in the next 6 months. For 2009, there is a need for recommendations for candidates. DJ will contact them and prepare a mailing to tree service companies listed in the Yellow Pages announcing the program. The focus will be from people who work and or live in Northern Kentucky.

#### **2009 Public Works Seminar Update – Mike Klahr**

March 12<sup>th</sup>, Southgate Community Center and speakers are confirmed. 45 have pre-registered.

#### **TIOC Grant Progress / Scheduling – Sherry Carran/Rick Horn**

Applications are out and deadline has been extended to February 27th. One application has been received; more applications are known to be coming. A committee will be formed to review the grants; volunteers at this time are Egbers, Meyers, Stone, Girton, and Carran; others are welcome and should contact Rick Horn. The committee will review the applications during the first week of March.

#### **Constant Contact Update– Rick Horn**

383 members are currently in database. All members still need to confirm acceptance of being subscribed to the email list.

#### **Reforest Northern Kentucky 2009 Update– Andrea Dee**

A flyer has been developed and will be distributed via Constant Contact. April 4<sup>th</sup> at Mills Park. WNKU will participate again and do a fund drive; the goal is \$2,000. Committee is still looking for leaders and support groups, but people have already signed up for both workers and leaders. Logo artwork is being finalized.

#### **2008 – 2009 KDF Grant Tasks and Budget – Tom Davis**

Revised budget was sent to KDOF and approved. No further discussion

## **New Business**

### **Economic Stimulus Bill –**

KDOF has applied for funding for tree maintenance and tree planting that can be passed through to cities and non-profits to perform this work. The Council will likely play a large part in getting the word out when funds are available and facilitating communication. Council will support Hemmer's Freedom Grove projects and Licking River Greenway Project.

### **Marketing Program- Sherry Carran/Jenny Gulick**

Council needs to continue the marketing and education project begun in 2008. Ideas for 2009 are a printed booklet addressing the 5 issues identified, using electronic media to get messages out, working with WNKU and others on a marketing project; and focus on reforestation as the theme and the foundation of various messaging. General consensus was that the best option is to Work with WNKU and NKU on a variety of messaging. As a subcommittee, Stone, Bezold, Bach, and Davis volunteered to explore the opportunities.

### **By-Laws Committee – DJ Scully**

A subcommittee is suggested to be formed to review by-laws; it has been over 5 years since they have been reviewed. DJ will chair the committee assisted by Davis, Stone, Klahr, Meyers, and Carran. The by-laws are important for the non-profit status as monitored by the IRS, and for the effective governing of the Council.

### **Council Website Management**

Discussion was held about the use and maintenance of the website. It needs to be monitored, and timely changes/additions need to be made. Suggestions were made to identify a single person to handle the technical aspects of website management, but that project/subcommittee chairpeople need to be proactive in submitting information. Bezold offered to initially coordinate with NKU and Serendipity to explore software access. Rick Horn will be approached to chair this committee, and Stone volunteered to assist.

### **Duke Energy Forester Meeting**

Several Council members met the new Duke Energy forester, Sarah Smith. Many issues were discussed and a summary of the meeting included: 1. The Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council will work with Duke Energy to educate property owners to hopefully explain that cooperation with Duke may lead to better pruning practices. 2) Sarah will e-mail a list of scheduled circuit cuts to Rick Horn who will coordinate with Council to set up a possible public meetings (with Duke sponsorship) in each community a month or two in advance. Communities with strong tree boards will be targeted. 3) Sarah is available for questions and comments anytime. 4) There is the possibility of a Spanish speaking interpreter being available from a contractor for special training but unless the workers read and write English, the probability of Certified Arborist training is limited. 5) Communication with Duke Energy is open.

### **Council Meeting June Date and location 2009 – Tom Davis**

May be planned as a casual evening meeting and combination social event.

### **Council Display Board**

We need to develop the content for the board to take to events and conferences. Bezold offered to discuss board content/layout with WNKU. This project could be incorporated with the overall 2009 marketing project. Meyers will put it up for the Public Workers meeting, and then give to Bezold for storage.

### **Next Meeting Date:**

**March 18, 2009 12pm Campbell County Extension Office Rm. C**  
**3500 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, Ky 41076 (859) 572-2600**