



Northern Kentucky
Urban & Community Forestry Council
Minutes - February 15, 2006

The meeting was held at the Campbell County Extension Center. Present were Kris Stone, Steve Myers, Tom Davis, Dino Kent, Gary Johnson, Mark Jacobs, Geoff Egbers, Bill Theis and Sherry Carran.

Kris called the meeting to order and welcomed guest Bill Theis of the Southgate Tree Board. Kris asked for approval of the January Minutes. Steve made a motion to approve the Minutes, Mark J. second the motion and the motion was approved.

Mark Leopold had delivered copies of the Financial Report for 2/15/06. Balance as of 11/18/06 was \$25,376.57. Balance as of 2/15/06 is \$86,847.47. Sherry made a motion to accept the Financial Report, Tom second the motion and the motion was approved.

Old Business

Web Site - Sherry reported that the new web site was put into gear and that within the next 24 hrs should be accessible. She noted that some additions and maybe some changes would be needed and that Kevin, Serendipity Design, would be working with Devin, Center for Applied Ecology, to set up this process.

TIOC Grants - Steve chaired the TIOC Grant committee which met before this meeting to grade the applications for this year's program. Steve reported that 11 applications were received, totaling \$21,000 in request. The Council only had \$8,000 to award which made it difficult to decide which projects would receive funding. Only partial funding was given in order to fund the top 5 applications. Campbell County Middle School, Ockerman Elementary School, Cline Elementary School, and Ryland Heights Elementary School were awarded \$1,500 each; Boone Arboretum was awarded \$2,000. The City of Ft. Thomas had submitted a project that was a possible fit for the Council's educational series. Sherry was going to contact Jay Treft, City of Ft. Thomas, to discuss this possibility. Steve was going to write the applicants that were awarded funds and Sherry was going to write the applicants that were not awarded.

Letter About Council Membership - Kris reported that Mark L. had sent about 900 letters to our mailing list asking for more people to be more involved in the work of the Council. About 45 of those letters had been returned because of people moving or no longer being in office.

Survey & Visioning with the Institute for Conservation Leadership (ICL) - Sherry reported that Don Smyers will be taking the lead on this project and that he will be contacting Peter Lane with ICL.

Tree Board Seminar March 4th - Kris reported that about 20 people from Northern Kentucky were going to the Seminar. Council members, Mark Leopold, Don Smyers and Sherry Carran, and Dr. Joyce Hamberg of the Southgate Tree Board, were also asked to be part of presenting panels.

Public Workers Seminar March 9th - Tom reported that everything is on track for the March 9th Seminar happening at the Boone County Extension Center. Volunteers from the Council are helping and there has been good coordination with the local public workers' organization.

Kenton Canopy Phase II - Jenny Gulick is not in attendance so will report next meeting. Mark J. asked if it was possible to get the forestry layer data for the Kenton County Conservation District. It was explained that Jenny, Davey Resource Management, or Northern Kentucky Area Planning had the info and that there should not be a problem.

Arborist Training Program - Kris reported that he has received interest from one person already. Kris asked for help in getting the program started as his time is limited. Steve said he would be willing to co-chair if Kris continued as chair. Tom suggested asking Tom Wilson to help with the program as Tom Wilson has been part of the program in the past. Steve mentioned there is an application deadline of March 28th for the arborist test on April 14th and the training days for that test are March 2nd, 16th and 30th,

KAA Update - Dino reported that there was a good turn out for their 2006 Urban Forestry Conference. She said the event next year will be February 6th & 7th and that it will be held at the Bengal's Training Camp in Georgetown. The theme will be TREES AT YOUR SERVICE and she asked that people send suggestion to her for possible guest speakers.

Guest Speakers/Presentations - Sherry said there was nothing new to report.

New Business

Sharing Work Load - Kris mentioned that it would be very helpful if we could have a few more people sharing the work load. Bill Theis said he was retired and that he could help in certain situations, especially with setting up meetings.

Alliance for Community Trees - Kris asked members how they felt about joining the Alliance. If the Council belongs to this group there are a number of benefits including access to grant opportunities. Sherry made a motion to join the Alliance, Gary second the motion and the motion was approved.

Next meeting will be March 15th at the Durr Annex of the Kenton County Extension Service.

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Carran