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## Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council

### Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2008

#### Location:

Boone County Extension Office

Call to order

Minutes of previous meeting – Unavailable for this meeting; will review and approve at the next Council meeting

Financial Report – Unavailable for this meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**TIOC Grant Grading** – Letters have gone out to recipients and those who did not get funded. Recipients include Boone County Urban Forestry Commission, Northern Kentucky University, Ft. Thomas, and the Licking-Riverside Neighborhood Association. Each received a \$2,500 grant. Those not qualifying for various reasons were the cities of Dayton and Bellevue.

- **Reforest Northern Kentucky event** – Public relations is in full swing; all logistics have been completed; supplies are secured; and all seems well. Steve Myer reported that he still needs volunteers for team leaders.
- **Certified Arborist program** – No report available; it is believed that 3 scholarships have been awarded and are in the process of completing the requirements. It was estimated that since the start of this program, 20 local arborists have benefited from this program.
- **Grant Writing Update** – Letters of inquiry have been sent to the Acorn Foundation, Ben & Jerry's Foundation, and Steele Reese Foundation. Future requests will be made to the Home Depot Foundation, James G. Brown Foundation and the Nippert Foundation. Most requests have focused on educational materials printing and social environmental justice projects.
- **Toyota Foundation Opportunity** – A grant application was submitted to Toyota Foundation to support the development and printing of a map and information about the Kenton County Forest Quality Assessment project. The Foundation requested a meeting with the council. Sherry Carran and Jenny Gulick represented the Council and Keith Logsdon represented NKAPC as the project's primary partner. The meeting went well and news will be forthcoming as to whether they will fund this request.
- **Meeting Dates for 2008** – With input and feedback from others, Sherry decided that the Council should return to its monthly meeting schedule for the rest of 2008. She will propose a schedule for the remaining months and circulate it for approval.

- **Northern Kentucky 2007 Tree Board Seminar – Southgate** – Mailings and vendor applications are being mailed out. All details seem to be proceeding smoothly for this March events.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Marketing consultant conference call** – Several Council members, KAA members, and KDOF staff participated in a conference call with Charlotte King, an urban forestry marketing professional from Atlanta. Ms. King asked for some background information from the Council and for members to answer a question about the uniqueness and benefit of the Council. Based on this information, she will prepare a proposal with recommendations and costs for her firm to help the Council.
- **KDOF 2008 Forestry Grant** – the 2008 grant application has been released and it posted on the Division's website. Preliminary discussions concerned what Council programs would be the priorities for funding this year given potential and significant budget cuts at the federal level for this program.

**Next Meeting – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm, Kenton County Extension – Durr Annex**