



Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2006

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Campbell County Extension Office

3500 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, KY Phone: (859) 572-2600

Call to order

Minutes of April Meeting – Motion to accepted made by Jenny; seconded by Steve; motion passed.

Financial Report – One not submitted at the meeting

OLD BUSINESS

- **Survey & Visioning with ICL**

Don was not present to give an update.

- **Kenton Phase II Update**

Mapping is complete; newest maps produced showed the “development potential” of Kenton County. Development potential is defined as the combination of slope and kope geology. Critical areas were overlain on these maps as well as watershed and municipal boundaries. Council members were shown the maps and resulting statistical calculations from the GIS analysis.

- **Grant Writing Update**

The Toyota Foundation declined the Council’s request for funding for the Campbell County FQA. The Greater Cincinnati Foundation is interested in it and information has been sent to them for consideration for June pre-application interviews. Toyota will be re-approached to fund educational efforts and tree planting grant funds in 2006. The State KDOF grant was successfully delivered and the Council is awaiting award. There is still no information about potential “extra funds” available from the state from the 2005/2006 grant period. The outcome of the grant application to the Surdna Foundation for the Outreach Director position will be known in July.

- **KAA Update**

Not present

- **Education Series**

A fall set of seminars is planned focusing on natural areas land management especially targeting invasive plants. This will be a joint effort between Council, NKU, Devou Park, Boone County Arboretum, and Ft. Thomas. The programs will be held in two locations, and more information will be forthcoming.

- **In Kind Hours Reminder**

Turn them in!

NEW BUSINESS

- **ISA Certified Arborist Program Update**

Meeting will be scheduled to award scholarships to those who applied. Received 9 applications, and approximately 7 will be awarded.

- **Fall Community Event**

Need volunteers to help organize event and find a location, get a guest speaker. Craig Ballard volunteered.

- **2007 Public Workers Education Seminar**

Need help planning this event; need to focus on a site in Campbell County.

- **Public Reforestation Project**

Council wishes to partner with NKU to reforests areas on public property. Council would advertise and organize volunteers, supply tools, refreshments, etc. Hopefully it will grow into a “reforest Northern KY” event similar to Lexington’s project.

- **Other Business**

A request was made for newsletter articles.

PRESENTATION

“Cook’s Tour of the Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens” – conducted by Doris Meece and Doloris Fink, Campbell County Horticultural Technicians

The weather cooperated and all who attended the meeting were given a tour of the popular Lakeside Commons Gardens. We were shown trial plantings for fruit trees and annuals, as well as an extensive rose garden, the railroad garden, perennial collection, and native tree planting. Thanks to Dave Koester for joining the tour.