



Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 30, 2007
Boone Arboretum

Call to order

Minutes of Last Meeting: Printed copies of the March, 2007 meeting were not available for review and approval.

Financial Report: Mark Leopold distributed the latest report; there were no questions or comments. A motion to approve the report was made by Tom Davis and seconded by Jenny Gulick

OLD BUSINESS

- **Campbell County Canopy Study Project:** Jessica Metzger reported that NKU-CAE started the project March. Initial tasks completed included review of aerial photographs, review of GIS information, and preliminary field work. It was reported that over 1,000 miles has been logged by the CAE staff responsible for classifying the forest types. At this time, 50% of the Large and Medium size classes for the county have been digitized. Administrative duties related to the KDOF grant partially supporting this project will be complete un June.
- **TIOC Grants:** Projects are in progress as reported by subcommittee members present.
- **Public Workers Seminar:** Tom Davis reported that the seminar was another success. Approximately 25 people attended. It was recommended to return to the March schedule in 2008 for the next seminar; that date is 3/13/08; and, that a more in-the-field and hands-on approach be used next year.
- **Newsletter:** The next newsletter is scheduled for printing in July. A request was made for submitting articles and ideas to DJ Scully by mid-June.
- **Grant research update:** A summary report of accomplishments was provided by Davey Resource Group. Current work includes issuing letters of inquiry to a variety of granting organizations for a number of Council projects. The NKU student's redesign of the Woodscaping book is reported to be complete.

- **2007 State Grant:** The grant was successfully completed and delivered on time to KDOF. The MOA should be issued soon. Recent news was that the House of Representatives has actually recommended an increase in the federal allocation for urban forestry funds for the states.
- **Certified Arborist Program:** DJ reported that 3 likely candidates should be approved to participate in this program. All Council members present agreed. Tom Davis has one other name for consideration and will provide the information to DJ.
- **Cities Incentive to use Certified Arborist:** the Council still needs a Chair for the committee. A suggestion was made to ask NKY cities to submit a list of tasks they would like to have a CA's consultation on. Of those received by October, the Council would decide on the best projects and use of the CA and would make the announcement of the grant at the Fall Community Dinner.
- **Fall Dinner Event** - The date is set for Thursday, October 25th at Twin Oaks in Covington. The theme is the benefits of using a Certified Arborist. Several speakers were discussed as well as other details for that evening. Jenny will coordinate with the subcommittee on various details for the meeting.
- **Review of 2007 Projects needed to be accomplished:** The only grant funded Council projects/efforts left to be completed in 2007 are the Administrative Services contract, Grant Administration contract, and the City Incentive to Use a Certified Arborist program
- **Report on Public Lecture Series:** Sherry reported that this lecture series was very successful. The Council was well-acknowledged as a sponsor in print as well as verbal at the start of each lecture.

NEW BUSINESS

- Other Business:
 - Jenny reported on the **NKAPC Model Zoning Ordinance** meeting she attending this week on behalf of the Council
 - The looming **EAB threat** to NKY from Hamilton County was discussed. The Council decided a public meeting to begin to educate the citizens about this potential problem was needed. Various speakers and venues were discussed.
- **In Kind Hours reminder**