

Minutes
Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council
October 20th, 2004

John Volz called the meeting to order.

Present were John Volz, Kris Stone, Mark Leopold, DJ Scully, Don Girton, Barry Schwartz, Jenny Gulick, David Koester, Mike Klahr, Thom Davis, Geoff Egbers and Sherry Carran.

John asked if there were any corrections to the July minutes. Sherry made a motion to accept the minutes, Don G. second the motion and the motion was approved.

Mark went over the Financial Report as of 10/20/04. Last reported balance on 9/15/04 was \$36,840.90. Ending balance on 10/20/04 is \$22,640.93. Don G. made a motion to accept the report, Geoff second the motion and the motion was approved.

The Council meeting was held at the Florence Government Center to make it easier for those who were also attending the Arborist Training Program.

Old Business

John reported that the ISA Certified Arborist Training Program was going well and about 66 people were in attendance. About 20 of those attending will be taking the Certified Arborist Test.

... Jenny reported on the Kenton County Canopy Study. She had several large maps and pass out size for Council Members. She turned over a copy of a CD that contains all the maps, data and reports so the Council can produce what ever they need. Jenny reported that the Canopy Study had bad news in the fact that very little large canopy was left in Kenton County. The good news was that there is more consistent and better coverage along riparian corridors than in Boone County. Barry took a copy of the large map and Sherry took the copy of the CD to make extra copies for Council Members.

... Jenny and Don G. reported on some ideas they have been discussing regarding a possible Phase II of the Kenton Canopy Study. They suggested a critical layer that could be used to examine stormwater management, public health & safety, economic benefits, and/or forest health. They both thought it important to get this kind of info to property owners and to ask Council's partners for their involvement.

... Jenny and Don G. thought Phase III of the Boone Canopy Study could possibly be getting the existing info to the public. Example would be producing a visual for cable.

... Don explained that there is \$20,000 in the 2005 funding from Ky. Div. of Forestry and another \$10,000 left in the funding from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. He said that efforts on the next phases could begin next year.

... Geoff asked if there was anyway to address the reforestation of areas that were developed in the 50's, 60's, and 70's.

Sherry reported on the upcoming event with the Homebuilders Assoc. (HBA) of N. KY. The date is Thursday, November 11th and begins at 5 PM. She had flyers for the event and said flyers were included in a recent HBA newsletter. She has been in contact with the presenter Robin Green and everything seems to be on schedule. Council members can attend for the HBA member's price.

... John had to leave (along with David, Mike, D.J., Thom and Kris) to get back to the Arborist Training.

... Before he left he asked that those guiding the 2004 Pass thru Grants, to make sure the project are wrapped up and that reports are turned in by November, 12th.

... John asked Mark if he would lead the meeting.

Jenny asked where things were with the Fall Dinner Event. Kris lined up the space at the Boone County Safety Campus for the Dinner. Jenny wanted to know what efforts have been made to announce and invite. Other than the article in the Newsletter nothing has been done. Jenny said she would put together a flyer for inviting and announcing. She will e-mail the flyer to Council Members for mailing, etc. The Council will need to focus on this in the next few days.

Mark announced that the 2005 Pass thru Grants are posted on our WEB Site.

New Business

Barry said he is working on a number of grants but said a committee to guide and review grant projects would be helpful. Don Girton, Kris, Sherry and Don Smyers will be the committee. The committee can help with reviewing the objectives and the management of possible projects.

Sherry reported that she, Don S. and Barry met to review where things are to date with Barry's efforts and said it was agreed that it would be good if the Council was kept better informed on the grants that Barry was submitting. The grant committee that was just formed will help with this. It was also agreed that it would be helpful to have time sheets from Barry in case the Council had to report on accountability.

Mark reported that the mailing list needs to be updated. He also said that it would be good to create an e-mail list of members, interested individuals and groups, and public officials for when announcements need to be done. It was suggested that post cards be sent to current list or possible interested people to see if they want their names to remain and if contact info is correct and to possibly get their e-mails.

Barry asked that in-kind sheets be turned in.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Carran