



Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council

Minutes – October 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order at the Campbell County Extension Center. Present were Don Girton, DJ Scully, Thomas Davis, Steve Myers, Gary Johnson, Dino Kent, Josh Selm and Sherry Carran.

Sherry called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the September Minutes. DJ made a correction to the minutes regarding the arborist training. The third sentence about the arborist training was not worded correctly. DJ said it should read 20 people are currently registered. The note about that this may not be enough was not correct. Sherry asked for approval of minutes as corrected. Motion was made by Don Girton, seconded by DJ and then approved.

Mark Leopold sent copies of the Financial Report. Balance as of 9/21/05 was \$40,395.69. Balance as of 10/19/05 is \$40,363.19. Sherry asked for approval. Motion was made by Don Girton, seconded by Gary Johnson and approved. There was also an invoice from CAE. Gary said he would like to see a break down of the billing from Center for Applied Ecology. CAE bills according to task and he thought it would be helpful to know what the tasks are. Sherry said she thought that was done at the end of year reporting but will check with Mark.

Old Business

DJ reported that everything is ready for the arborist training program on Oct 21st & 31st. Dino asked if this program was going to happen again next year. DJ said they will see how this one goes and if there is a need.

Sherry reported that the Fall Dinner Event, Nov. 3rd, will be at the Southgate's Community Center. (Campbell County Extension was not available) Lother's Catering is doing the event. Everything is lined up and Dr. Thomas Barnes, guest speaker, will be called to see what equipment he needs. Help is needed in getting the word out about the event.

Regarding Trees in Our Communities Grant (TIOC), DJ reported that he thinks all the applicants are ready to turn in their reports. He said that there were problems with the Florence project.

Don reported on the Grant Writing Contract with Davey. Don said at an executive session that Jenny passed out an outline of possible grants opportunities. What she needed was ideas from Council members on possible projects. There were some questions about what kind of projects. It was noted that just a small idea could lead to a project. Tom Davis said he would like to see a project regarding arbor standards for utility line clearing.

Sherry apologized for not having anything on the web site. She said that delay was because she has not had the time to get with Kevin of Serendipity. She hopes to meet with him in the next couple of weeks.

Tom reported on the Southwestern Ohio Urban Forestry Conference. He said it was excellent and there were about 100 in attendance.

Regarding the Klyes Lane Project, there was interest as to what was happening at the last meeting. Sherry said she spoke to Melissa Jort Conway and that she said that there is money available and interest if there is another demonstration site that would not be as large. The size of the Kyles Lane Project was complicating the implementation because not all the funding could be found. Melissa wanted us to let her know if there were possible projects that may fit.

New Business

Sherry wanted to know if anyone thought an instructional meeting on the upcoming TIOC Grants would be helpful. DJ and Don thought that it was not needed. DJ said that TIOC applications have been sent to schools.

Dino reported that the KY Urban Forestry Conference will be in Lexington on Feb. 7th & 8th.

Don reported on a possible project where City Green can be used. Boone County Planning may be looking at their transportation and riparian corridors to see how they work as green infrastructure. It would help to have the City Green data. Everyone agreed that would be a good project. Don will be contacting Kevin Costello, Boone Planning.

Kris Stone could not be at the meeting but Josh sent along some info that Kris had received. ...There was an article from IN SIDE YOUR TOWN, a small neighborhood paper, where Gayle Pille had wrote an article about, DON'T TOP THAT TREE.

...There was a letter from Steve McCann, H & R Block, regarding a program that if a non-profit recommends

H & R Block the non-profit can earn \$20.

...There were two letters from the KY Transportation Cabinet asking the Council to be represented on an advisory committee for the replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge. Sherry explained that she has been talking to the KY Transportation Cabinet and Ohio Div. of Transportation asking if she could serve on one of these committees. It was explained to her that representatives of organizations, not individuals, were being asked. She said she mentioned the Forestry Council as a possible organization and that is why the Council was asked. She said she had spoke to Div. 6, KY Transportation Cabinet, that morning and they wanted to know if she was going to be the representative. Sherry noted that because of her interest in land-use that she has spoke to quite a few people involved with the project trying to get representation. She asked that she be appointed the Council's representative. Everyone was okay with that. She said she would check with Kris to make sure it was okay with him.

Sherry asked for suggestions on the next meeting which would be Nov. 16th. She said Kris, and she thought Jenny, would be at an Urban Forestry Conference in North Carolina and could not make the regular meeting. She said there was going to be an executive meeting the evening of Tues. Nov 29th. No one could decide so Kris will be asked and notice will be sent out.

Sherry asked for in-kind time reports. An in-kind time sheet was passed around to record the meetings time, Steve Myers turned in his in-kind time.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Carran