



**Bloomington Tree Commission
Minutes of the meeting, 16 October 2019
Rose Hill Cemetery Office**

PRESENT: Laurel Cornell (chair, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Studio Art); David Dilcher (Professor Emeritus, Geological Sciences, IUB); George Hegeman (Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, IUB); Dedaimia Whitney (Certified Tree Steward, Master Gardener)

ABSENT: Kerry Bridges (professional arborist); Tom Coleman, (Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Fine Arts, IUB; Indiana Tree Steward of the Year 2004); Lindsey Hummel (Environmental Commission); Mia Williams (landscape architect, Indiana University).

GUESTS: Julie Ramey, Community Relations Manager; Jenna Whitaker, After-hours Ambassador

OLD BUSINESS

Approved minutes from September

Brief summary of search for Urban Forester (George, David)

There were a total of 30 applicants for the second listing of the forestry job, which have been narrowed to 10 for phone interviews, of whom 9 are IGA certified arborists. George thinks the quantity and quality of applicants may have been influenced by the ad's listing a higher salary than the previous one.

Current state of work with Sarah Mincey's students (Kerry)

The students are working on the tree plan for 2020-2024 and should have something ready soon. TC should plan to attend the students' final presentation, if there is one, and/or get a copy of their final report.

Tree issues at IU (Mia, sent via email)

IU is wrapping up a large contract for dead tree removal all across campus. The species most represented in the removals are ash and maple (specifically sugar maple). Mia anticipates their fall tree order to start arriving at the end of October and is concentrating installations in parking lots (restoration for lost ash) and supplemental tree planting along the bypass entry beds. IU will also focus on proactive pruning for health and structural integrity all across campus, including pruning in certain areas to facilitate roadway cobra headlight installations.

Report from Environmental Commission (Lindsey, sent via email)

The Environmental Commission continues to monitor the UDO process, especially with changes to riparian buffer protections, greenspace, impervious pavement, and other environmental-related topics as the city council moves into the amendment cycle of the review.

NEW BUSINESS

UDO. The TC asked that the UDO reference our Tree Care Manual rather than include a list of specific trees, but Dave Williams reported that that suggestion was not accepted. Julie will send Dedaimia the lists from the Tree Care Manual; Dedaimia will compile two lists (preferred and undesirable) to send to Dave Williams and Scott Robinson.

Creating a Tree Plan for the next 5 year (2020-2024)

First step will be to discuss the draft from Sarah Mincey's students. George suggested that we also use the Tree Care Manual as a starting point. The Davey Tree inventory recommended greater diversity, given the percentage of maples we currently have.

Identify continuing and new tasks for the Tree Commission

Tree Commission calendar of deadlines 2019-20					
	Write new urban forester job description	Prepare Tree Care Manual for 5 th edition	Maintain TC membership	Create 5-year plan for urban forestry	Help with new forester orientation
2019 November					
2019 December				Attend Sarah Mincey's student presentation of planning project	
2020 January			Ensure existing members reapply Appoint Urban Forestry member		
2020 February					
2020 March	TC has job description ready for Dave Williams' review	Final draft of Tree Care Manual to Julie Ramey			
2020 April	Job review committee looks at new job description	Publish 4 th edition target date (Arbor Day)			
2020 May					
2020 June					
2020 July					
2020 August					
2020 September	City council approves salary range for forestry position				
2020 October					
2020 November					
2020 December					

URBAN FORESTER REPORT (Kevin)

None this month

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be 9:30 a.m. 20 November 2019 at the Rose Hill office.

Respectfully submitted,
Dedaimia Whitney
16 October 2019