

Urban Forestry Advisory Board

Minutes of October 9, 2025

Members Present: Mr. Gerald Checco, Chair; Ms. Maria Dienger; Mr. Scott Beuerlein; Ms. Berteena Rollins; Mr. Mark Bambach; Ms. Angie Strunc; Mr. Bob Vickrey.

Members Absent: Ms. Crystal Russell.

Staff Present: Mr. Garrett Dienno; Ms. Tiffany Hendrickson; Mr. Jon Harmon; Ms. Crystal Courtney. Ms. Morgan (Public Documenter) and Mr. John (Citizen).

Meeting: Mr. Checco called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. A Quorum was in attendance.

Meeting Agenda: October meeting agenda approved.

Meeting Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of August 14th, 2025, all members were in favor.

Monthly Activity Report: The monthly activity reports for July, August and September were submitted to members. Mr. Dienno highlighted the seven new staff members of the Division of Natural Resources. Spoke about the upcoming ReLeaf and Let's Grow Local events happening in October. All board members are encouraged to attend these events.

Report of DNR Urban Forestry Supervisor:

Mr. Dienno highlighted the event, Let's Grow local happening October 28th in the West End, planting 129 trees. Partners include Prus construction, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, DOTE and Madtree volunteers/employees. The ReLeaf tree giveaway starting on Wednesday October 8th at Madtree Brewing and runs through Monday October 13th. Teams are busy with training all new staff members and showing them around field areas where they will be working. East Preventative Maintenance is almost complete. New Bider proposals are being submitted now to City procurement for the maintenance work.

South Urban Forester:

Mr. Doug Fritsch, the South district forester gave an update that smaller batches of stump removals will be given to Grey (Stump Grinding Contractor). This will help Grey stay on top of stump removals. Stumps are filled in with shavings in anticipation for a replacement tree going in its place next. Lawn space restoration topic was discussed for future concerns within the public.

By-Laws: Jon Harmon has been in contact with members who manage boards at City Hall. December 2025, we hope to have some updates on the CMC 743. Gerald Checco will send a letter to the City manager about the two vacant business representative seats.

Meeting Adjournment: Mr. Gerald Checco adjourned at 11:12 am

Meeting: The next regular meeting of the UFAB will be held December 11th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the ***Bettman Natural Resource Center, 4 Beech Lane.***

Approved:

Gerald R. Checco

Gerald R. Checco, Chair