

Urban Forestry Advisory Board

Minutes of November 14, 2024

Members Present: Mr. Gerald Checco, Chair; Mr. Scott Beuerlein, Vice-Chair; Ms. Angie Strunc; Ms. Maria Dienger; Mr. Mark Bambach; Mr. Greg Long; Ms. Berteena Rollins.

Members Absent: Ms. Crystal Russell.

Staff Present: Mr. Garrett Dienno; Ms. Crystal Courtney; Ms. Tiffany Hendrickson; Mr. Jon Harmon; Ms. Marianne Prue.

Meeting: Mr. Checco called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A Quorum was in attendance.

Meeting Agenda: November meeting agenda approved.

Meeting Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 13, 2024, and September 12, 2024 meeting minutes, all members were in favor.

Monthly Activity Report: The monthly activity reports for September and October were submitted to members. Members highlighted September and October reports with a discussion of the Lead Arborist position. The position deadline has been extended until December 18th, 2024 to obtain more candidates.

Report of DNR Urban Forestry Supervisor:

Preventive Maintenance (PM) has begun in the East District. A slow start due to contractor equipment issues. PM marking has begun in the West and South District and should wrap up in the next couple of months. Urban Forestry assessment budget to be presented at the December meeting for approval.

Law:

CMC 743- Revisions are ongoing with Law. Crystal and Jon have been looking at the ordinances of the municipal code where urban forestry is based and comparing it to other cities to see if we're missing anything for rewrites.

Volunteer Plantings:

Let's grow local: Avondale- October 29th at Cleveland Park and surrounding areas, 200 trees were planted. 200 volunteers were involved through multiple community partners: The Cincinnati Zoo, Groundwork, Ronald McDonald house, Madtree Brewing and KCB(Keep Cincinnati Beautiful). Groundwork will handle the tree watering. Clifton planting was possible with Grant funds earned and 17 redbud trees planted on Middleton.

Arbor Day 2025:

Potential location site discussed along Clifton Avenue located on Cincinnati Public School property. 2025 Arbor Day to be hosted by Matt Dickman - West District Urban Forester.

Presentation:

Gerald Checco presented his spectacular PowerPoint presentation that he will be offering at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. With modification this presentation can be given to community councils to spread awareness of the importance of Urban Forestry within our neighborhoods.

Meeting Adjournment: Gerald Checco adjourned at 11:08 am

Meeting: The next regular meeting of the UFAB will be held December 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the ***Bettman Natural Resource Center, 4 Beech Lane.***

Approved:



Gerald R. Checco, Chair