



Citizen Advisory Committee

February 23, 2017

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Center, 290 East Central, Springfield, MO

First Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes: Mindy Spitz opened the meeting at 12:30pm.

- **In Attendance**
 - **Members:** Mindy Spitz, Kelly Guenther, Matt Suarez, Zach Miller, Amanda Stadler and Jane Earnhart
 - **Staff Liaisons:** Casey Jo Kellner and Ben Kellner
- **Audience:** Vivian Wasson, Charles Ewing, Sarah Davis, Blayne Radford and Amy Jackson
- **Welcome Guests:** Everyone
- **Handouts:** January 2017 Meeting Minutes, Tree Canopy Projects Status, 2016 & 2017 NeighborWoods Program Highlights
- **Announcements/Remarks:** Lawn & Garden Show this weekend- 1 exhibitor pass for TCUSA members; TCUSA is funded by donations, fund raising events & Tree Registry; Mindy Spitz is interested in running a local PSA for TCUSA; Interest in St. Patrick's Day float to advertise TCUSA; Casey Jo Kellner will follow up if the City of Springfield has a truck in the parade; Sarah Davis suggested piggy-backing the "Urban Land Initiative" a program in process of introduction by Environmental Services.
- Jane Earnhardt motions for Mindy Spitz to attend MCFC Conference funded by TCUSA committee, Matt Suarez seconds motion; motion carries.
- Blayne Radford is accepting silent auction items for MCFC conference and 3 individuals donated \$80 each for local, natural canvas prints (total of 3). Mindy Spitz motioned for committee to donate for 3 canvas prints (total of 3 at \$80 each), Matt Suarez seconds motion; motion carries.
- **Old Business**
 - **Approval of January Minutes:** First motion by Matt Suarez, second by Jane Earnhardt; motion carries- minutes are approved for January.
 - **Reforestation:** Almost 500 trees planted so far. NeighborWoods Program highlighted planting projects are BMX Spokes Track, Southwest Treatment Plant, Countryland Neighborhood Association and Old Ivey Neighborhood. See handout for maps and addresses.
 - **Tree Canopy Projects:** See handout
 - **Landscape Ordinance:** Kathy Davis will be following up on progress
 - **Public Meeting Speaking Rules:** Mindy Spitz, Jane Earnhardt and Casey Jo Kellner will have something for the committee to vote on shortly.
 - **Arbor Day Poster Contest update:** Loose script for tree dedications; First Friday in April is City of Springfield's Arbor Day at Disney Elementary at 12:30pm.
 - **CU Tree Coupons Update:** Crowder family has sent in a tree coupon request. Jane Earnhardt motions for Crowder tree coupon to be signed and sent on by Mindy Spitz- Amanda Stadler seconds motion; motion carries.
- **New Business**
 - **Upcoming Events:** MCFC Conference- March 7-9, with a preconference on the 6th. Environmental Services will have a booth at upcoming Lawn & Garden Show; Mindy Spitz and Zach Miller have volunteered to attend.
 - **Workshop Items:** Website changes with Kristan Milam; possibly introduce a "Friends of TCUSA" and charge a fee for inclusion- Face book page.

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- **Choose Environmental Excellence Awards:** No big event this year, but committee can do something on their own
- **Agenda for March:**
 - Discuss TCUSA tour
 - Zach Miller will have report on Food Collaborative meeting
 - Vote on meeting date change for November and December meetings; - Some suggestions are the Library, Busch building or something nearby.
 - Mindy Spitz encourages members to bring a fundraising idea to next meeting.

**Amanda Stadler 1st motioned to adjourn, seconded by Matt Suarez.
Mindy Spitz adjourned at 1:40 pm.**

Members

- Ozark Greenways (OG): Kelly Guenther
- Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO): Zach Clapper
- Springfield Neighborhood Organization: Amanda Stadler
- Development Community: Jane Earnhart(12/14) 885-1716
- Development Community: Zach Miller (12/15) 861-0307

- **Citizens-at-Large:**
 - Nick Baker: **Member**
 - Matt Suarez: **Member, Vice Chair**
 - Mindy Spitz: **Member, Chair**
 - Member: **Vacant**

- **Staff Liaisons:**
 - Ben Kellner, Parks Supervisor (864-1178)
 - Joe Payne, Public Works Operations Supervisor (864-1954)
 - Casey Jo Kellner, Urban Forester (864-1135)
 - Scott Gunzenhauser, City Utilities (863-9000)

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