

CCG Tree Board Meeting
February 9, 2023

Attending: Kristin Youngquist, Eric Gansauer and Catherine Trotter

Considering there was not a quorum this Zoom meeting was considered a planning meeting of the Board.

Old Business:

Approval of the October minutes was postponed until the April meeting.

Catherine indicated she would contact Morgan Scarbrough about the open Residential/ Building position on the Board. More consideration is being given to the Environmental/Advocacy position.

New Business:

KCBC Arbor Day

- Information about the February 18th event at Lakebottom Park was shared. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Tree Master Plan

- Krisitin, along with input from the Board members, has done an excellent job bringing the Tree Master Plan up-do-date. More work is needed, particularly from Eric on how trees are selected and priorities to be addressed in the new plan. The Board can't address ordinance issues without an updated plan.
- Additionally, Kristian would like for the Board members to submit current photos of trees to be included in the plan. It is hoped everything will be ready for approval at the April meeting.
- Including a *Concerns* section in the new plan was discussed. Everyone agreed that recent developments resulting in the loss of tree canopy is not healthy for an urban area.

- Kristin and Catherine agreed to meet with representatives from Trees Columbus to gather input for the Community Organizations section of the Tree Master Plan.

Arborist Update

- Eric mention the new Director of Public Works was concerned because trees being removed from residential areas are not being replaced. A new plan is underway to log removals so the crew that removes the tree is responsible for replanting one.

A recording of this meeting will be shared with the Board members who were unable to attend. They will be asked to state their date preference for the April meeting -*sometime during the last two weeks.*