

Columbus Tree Board Meeting
August 22, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting

Attending: Kristin Youngquist, Beautie Moore, Lisa Thomas-Cutts, Eric Gansauer and Catherine Trotter

Old Business:

Open Positions – Residential and Environmental

- Catherine proposed Morgan Scarbrough, a real estate salesperson who is also connected to residential development.
- Eric proposed Ashley Taylor, formerly with Larry French who is now working at Moon Meeks.
- Each agreed to contact these individuals to see if they are interested in serving on the Tree Board.

New Business:

Review of Duties

- Kristin discussed several different areas where reference was made to the Tree Board and its responsibilities. Section 9.2.6 refers to the Tree Board listing appointments, term length, categories of representation, officers, rules, proceedings, quorum, and the creation of a tree master plan.
- Specific references to an annual master plan, variances, ordinances and recommendations to the Arborist, Mayor and Council were also reviewed.

Master Plan (2004)

- Kristian has access to this plan in its original format. She intends to convert it to a more current format. She and Eric will review the tree canopy map included in the report and work to update it. Eric's input is also needed on planting recommendations.
- It was suggested that Board members take sections of the report to update. Once the plan is updated it, along with current images, can be used to update the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance – which covers land use and zoning regulations). Eric will email recommendations for the UDO.

City Arborist Updates

- Eric reported there have been no applicants for the position openings in his department. He also mentioned if revisions to the Tree Plan or UDO need funding the requests need to be submitted by early April. The budget is usually set by May 1st.

The Tree Board will meet again October 24th at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.