



Meeting Minutes
Ladd Arboretum Committee
Monday, November 17, 2014
7:00pm
Evanston Ecology Center

Members Present: Virginia Beatty, Pam Johnson, Louise Taylor, Barbara DeCoster, Tracy Hubbard

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Paul D'Agostino, Assistant Director Parks/Forestry

Guests: Antonia Stoimenova

Presiding Member: Virginia Beatty

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Virginia Beatty at 7:10pm and a quorum was present

Ms. Antonia Stoimenova was introduced. She has been nominated by the Mayor of Evanston to the Ladd Arboretum Committee. The City Council will vote and confirm later this evening.

2. Approval of March 3, March 17, June 2, and July 21, 2014 Board Minutes

Motion made to approve by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Approval of the four sets of edited minutes was unanimous.

3. Staff Reports

- 2015 meeting schedule was discussed. A change in day of the week would allow other City officials to attend LAC meetings.
- Ongoing maintenance and repairs: a difficult year to promote Ladd Arboretum and other parks with department changes. The issue of the rotting sign posts has been routed to the appropriate department. Mr. D'Agostino will work to attend to Arboretum structural issues next year. Specifically mentioned were the Aspergren Gazebo roof and the stairs that were part of the Eagle Scout project. Discussion ensued about the prioritization of the City projects.
- Ms. Taylor questioned the change in the driveway to the parking lot. Mr. D'Agostino responded that it was a safety issue and a traffic engineering decision.

4. New Business

- The motion was made to change the meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of every other month. Ms. DeCoster moved and Ms. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Formalizing project approval process would apply to Scouts, and other individuals and organizations who wish to do a project in the Ladd Arboretum. A committee was formed to create guidelines for projects. Ms. DeCoster will create proposal with input from Ms. Johnson, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Stoimenova.

5. Unfinished Business

- Ms. Beatty and Ms. Hubbard discussed cooperative efforts of the EEA and the LAC.
- Ms. Hubbard communicated information on the EEA and COE working together on the greenhouse and classroom renovation. Also brought up was creating destination space in the Ecology Center's Multipurpose Room.
- Ms. Beatty examined the changes in the Arboretum
- Restoration around the Ecology Center will be done.
- A joint meeting with the EEA was suggested.
- A joint meeting with the Recreation Board was also mentioned.
- Inviting members from the EEA to join the LAC was also discussed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. DeCoster and seconded by Ms. Taylor at 8:20pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ladd Arboretum Committee will be January 21 at 7PM at the Evanston Ecology Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted for approval by:
Beth Cullen, Clerk III Evanston Ecology Center