

CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT) – December 1, 2014

Members Present: Jane Miller, Deborah Davis, MJ Rowell, Thelma Rutledge and Al Reed

Absent: Sue Truesdale and Susan White

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2015 @ 4:00PM

The meeting was opened at 4:05 p.m. by Liz. The minutes from the September and October 2014 meetings were reviewed. A motion was made by Al to accept as presented, a second was made by Jane and all approved.

CITY UPDATE:

Commerce Alley Improvement Project – The project improvements continue but they are close to finishing.

1001 Broad Street – The lot is still being used as a parking lot and will continue to be until the Commerce Alley project is fully completed.

Kendall Park improvements – The Park has been closed for the month of December to rehabilitate the trail. The site preparation contractor is on-site and working. We hope the project to be complete by Christmas.

Christmas decorations – Staff is still working on finishing up with decorations. Some challenges this year with lack of staff in the Street Dept., having to share the service truck and the addition of more light poles to decorate has hampered progress.

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day 2014 – Liz thanked everyone for their support and for helping out with bagging the seedlings and hosting during the ceremony. It was a good turn-out and a nice change to conduct the event inside at the Steeplechase Museum facility.

Margot Rochester Landscape Award Program – The group reviewed the task list and will start implementation of it in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission resignation – Congratulations to Deborah for being elected to City Council! Unfortunately, she can no longer remain on the Parks & Trees Commission and has submitted her resignation. This leaves a 2-yr, 5-month vacancy. Two potential candidates for filling the open slot are Karin Jenkins and Bob Williams. Liz will contact them both to check their interest and invite them to submit an application for consideration by City Council. Liz and the group thanked Deborah for her years of dedicated service to the Commission and expressed sorrow at seeing her leave but happy for her new role in public office. All members then proceeded to Council Chambers to attend Deborah's swearing in ceremony.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester