

CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED) – September 2, 2014

Members Present: Jane Miller, Mary Sue Truesdale, Susan White, Deborah Davis, MJ Rowell and Thelma Rutledge

Absent: Al Reed

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

**NEXT MEETING: October 7, 2014 @ 4:00PM**

The meeting was opened at 4:06 p.m. by Deborah. The minutes from the August 5, 2014 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary Sue to accept as presented, it was seconded by MJ and all approved the minutes.

**CITY UPDATE:**

*Tree City USA* – The SC Forestry Commission has our award and will tentatively come to present it to Council on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. It would be good for all P&TC members to be present at the Council meeting.

*City Tree Crew Work* – The tree crew that has been working on non-electric related street and park tree work will be helping out for the last time this calendar year on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Commerce Alley Improvement Project* – The project improvements are underway starting Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alternate parking will be at the KC Farmer's Market lot. The time-frame for completion is by December or before.

*1001 Broad Street* – The landscape project is underway starting Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The time-frame for completion is by end of September.

*Kendall Park improvements* – About 7 of the lights have been installed. The request for bids for the site preparation and actual trail rehabilitation still need to be completed.

*Tree Maintenance* – Watering of trees and container plants continue as we experience dry weather.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Kirkwood Park Concession Stand* – Mary Sue asked Liz about the status of the improvements to the Kirkwood Park concession stand (new roof and replacement steel doors). Liz said that she did know. Mary Sue stated that she had spoken in person with Public Works Director Tom Couch about it. Tom said he'd follow up with Tony Burns (Parks Supervisor) and Liz about it. Liz said that Tom must have spoken directly with Tony and advised Mary Sue to contact Tom or Tony directly to see what progress has been made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Arbor Day 2014* – No progress to report at the time of the meeting. Liz has a list of to-do items such as: contact the Camden Elementary School regarding having the kids participate in the program ceremony, contact the Steeple-chase museum regarding their ability to host the ceremony, procure the trees to plant, contact local radio station and The C.I. regarding advertisement/notification and order cookies from Mulberry Market, etc. The ceremony is set for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This year's honorees will be Geraldine McBryde, Mary Catherine Norwood and Emily Vereen (deceased).

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*Margot Rochester Landscape Award Program* – The group reviewed the task list and remembered that at the April or May meeting, MJ said that she would be the new Chairperson. After reviewing the list, Liz will update the dates and tasks and we'll It was decided that instead of printing and distributing the 'posters' to local businesses that it might be more cost effective and efficient to print it in the Chronicle. She will follow up with the paper. We need updated information on the Garden Club Presidents & Kershaw County Master Gardener's as they normally participate as judges. Thelma said that she'll get the information for the Florentine Garden Club, Deborah will get the information for the Camden & King Haigler Garden Clubs and MJ will get the information for the KCMG's.

Mary Sue said she will not be able to make the October meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester