

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY
7:30 AM – Wednesday, October 14, 2009
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room**

Call to Order:

Members Present: Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director June Rogers, Member
Everett Kern, General Forman Carla Marvin, Member

Excused Absences: Peter Loughlin, John Bohenko, Dick Adams and A.J. Dupree

Also present was Howard Mangold, 1275 Maplewood Ave.

Steve Parkinson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m.

1. **Acceptance of the Minutes** – Minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting were accepted as presented.
2. **Tree Removal Requests/Proposals**
 - a. **Maplewood & Woodbury Avenues (Norway, Maple & Apple)** – Everett Kern reported a dead apple and asked if we wanted to remove that Norway? He has posted one apple and one Norway and will post the 2nd apple tree. **MOTION** made by Everett Kern recommending removal of trees. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed. Mr. Mangold thanked the Committee.
 - b. **Junkins Avenue – Connors Cottage Housing (Dead tree behind building)** - Everett Kern reported the tree is totally dead. **MOTION** made by Everett Kern recommending removal of the Chestnut tree. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed.
Steve Parkinson suggested keeping Chestnut trees in mind when we have an appropriate location.
Steve Parkinson referred to the dead tree across from Connors Cottage in the park across from the entrance to Junkins Ave. which Everett Kern will post.
3. **Request of Dan Rawling of Rawling Design re: Middle Street** – Steve Parkinson suggested referring Dan's letter to the City Manager and Legal Department for their review before giving Dan final approval. **MOTION** made by June Rogers to refer Dan Rawling's letter to the City Manager and Legal Department for review. Seconded by Carla Marvin. Motion passed.
4. **Woodbury/Maplewood Avenue Improvement Proposal** - **MOTION** made by Carla Marvin to table until we receive a more definitive plan. Seconded by Everett Kern. Motion passed.
5. **Update on Lower State Street Improvements** – **MOTION** made by Everett Kern to table until next month and invite Peter Rice and his team to be present. Seconded by June Rogers. Motion passed.
Steve Parkinson asked Elaine to invite Peter Rice and his design team to be present at the next meeting.
6. **Clotilde Straus Memorial Planting Area Update** – Steve Parkinson reported they are gathering excess materials from other sites and laid out design for spring planting. It is an on-going project, would like a spring installation and will come back with a drawing. Need to select one or two trees, a planting schedule around the one big tree and border around sitting area. June Rogers suggested using crushed clam shells which are free and make wonderful paths.
7. **Discussion of Memorial Tree Policy** – **MOTON** made by June Rogers to table until the City Manager is present. Seconded by Everett Kern. Motion passed.

8. Old Business:

June Rogers asked if a decision had been made about the corner of South and Sagamore? Steve Parkinson thought Peter Loughlin was thinking more down Sagamore Avenue from the intersection and was not sure how that was left. Request update from Peter Loughlin.

9. Next Meeting – 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2009 as November 11th is a Holiday.

10. Adjourned