

FOREST BOARD REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL APRIL 21, 2014

The March minutes were approved with no corrections. No list of tree permits was available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anne has submitted information/money for 3 Monarch Waystations and just received our signs and documentation. The locations will be in Oriole, Henderson, and Curlew Parks. Many appropriate species are already in place; milkweed seeds have been planted and other appropriate flowering annuals/perennials will be purchased as they become available at local nurseries. This effort, generously funded by our Garden Club has generated interest within the larger community as well.

Nancy reported that garbage cans at the Preston entrance to Audubon Park are not emptied in a timely fashion. Drew volunteered to locate the responsible party and request better service.

All 4 public beds along Audubon Parkway have been cleaned/trimmed and Spring bulbs are blooming. Thanks to all who helped; compliments have been received.

Winter structural pruning on recently planted trees has been haphazard, due in part to miserable weather forcing work-day cancellations. Betty will complete this task, borrowing a pole pruner from Anne.

NEW BUSINESS

An informal complaint was lodged by the neighbor of one resident who had a large-leaved tree planted by the Forest Board last year. After discussion, the Board agreed to meet with the concerned resident in the hopes establishing a dialogue (and perhaps encouraging a canopy planting in this yard as well).

Betty will work with Stephan Zimmerman from Limbwalker to schedule easement air-knifing at 12 sites.

It was suggested that the Police might issue windshield placards to allow members to load/unload plants, tools, etc. and park in "No Parking" zones. Nancy will follow up on this item.

A possibility of rewriting City ordinances pertaining to the Forest Board was raised. This will be discussed further next month.

A suggestion was made to alert homeowners with vines in their trees to the many detrimental effects. An article in the upcoming newsletter or individual letters will be considered.

Beds/electric boxes in Henderson Park are being weeded/fertilized in preparation for our Arbor Day/Dogwood Festival tree planting---Saturday, April 19th 10:00 am. One 'Venus' Dogwood will be planted and will take the place of the Board's regularly scheduled monthly work-day.

Our next monthly meeting will be Wed., May 14th, 6:00 pm at Anne's house.