

TAEB Minutes March 13, 2024

Attendees: Linda Grandstaff, Sam Bonvissuto, Bob Gorentz, David Sangree, Matt Bixenstine, Eleni Rokakis (Lakewood resident)

The meeting started at 6:10 pm via Zoom. Following a motion by David and second by Matt, the minutes of the Feb. 15, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

The upcoming Community Canopy pilot was discussed. The first 100 trees offered through the city's website were "sold out" within a few hours, so further publicity through articles has been pulled back. Linda and Mary are lining up volunteers for the distribution day event from 10 am to noon at Bernice Pyke Park on Saturday, April 27. Approximately 20 volunteers will be needed. Rita noted that there will be a tree care handout and related blog posts.

The Forestry Department update was provided, citing the spring planting contract was won by Greenleaf. 200 trees will be planted, with the selected species about 75% complete. Hazardous tree removal will not require a contract nor will stump grinding, based on the estimated cost. The team is elevating trees on several streets. Sam noted that trees near St. Edwards are being removed due to sidewalk damage.

Resident Eleni Rokakis noted that Park Row has had all tree lawn trees removed and not replanted. Park Row is one of the streets with tree lawns deemed too narrow to support trees and eligible for front lawn trees. Eleni noted that near her home the tree lawns are 3 feet wide and is surveying residents to see if they will support planting trees such as ginkgos that could be sustained.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda Grandstaff  
Chair/Secretary