

Tree Advisory and Education Board Minutes April 10, 2024

Attendees: Linda Grandstaff, Sam Bonvissuto, Mary Kennedy, David Sangree, Bob Gorentz, Rita Stevens, Tristan Rader, Kim Langley, Alex Martin, Patrick Costello

The meeting started at 6:03 pm via Zoom. Following a motion by David, seconded by Linda, the minutes were approved as submitted.

The board discussed the Community Canopy pilot scheduled for April 27 from 10 to noon. Trees will be delivered 4/26 and the one of the demo trees will be delivered by Rita on Friday for planting. The Pyke Park location and traffic flow will be reviewed by Rita, Linda and the Forestry staff be for the event and location of the demo trees determined and marked. Mary volunteered to work on the handout to make it less text dens while retaining critical information. The board also discussed providing ongoing tree education through a series of blog post. There was a discussion on handling of unclaimed trees and residents requesting alternative pick up times and dates.

There was a discussion of the Park Row tree planting request from the prior meeting and Eleni is working with residents on that request. Kim Langley from the Centering Space participated in the meeting to discuss their request for three trees. The board will consider some alternatives, in addition to gifting unclaimed trees.

The Forestry Department provided an update on the spring planting of 200 trees, being performed by Greenleaf. A map of the Distribution will be provided, with some in equity zones. There are a few hazardous trees to be removed and remaining stumps to be ground but not substantial enough to go to bid. a tulip poplar leaning over on Manor Park was reported (2nd in from Clifton).

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Grandstaff, Chair and Secretary