Campus Tree Advisory Board Meeting

November 19, 2013

Landscape Services Conference Room

11:00-12:00

Present: Eileen Bergt, Richard Sutton, Susan Budler, Emily Casper, Kirby Baird, Jeff Culbertson and Charlie Griesen

Absent: Mark Canney and Coelette Gruber

Minutes from the May 21, 2013 meeting were read and approved.

**Old Business:**

**Advisory Committee:**

Coelette Gruber, our student representative term ends 11/2013. We will check with her to see if she can continue or if we need a replacement.

**Tree Campus USA Update:**

UNL is in the 5th year of Tree Campus USA. We will submit application for 2013.

**Discuss Goals and Targets of Tree Campus:**

We are continuing the tree inventory multi-year project as our first goal.

Tree Management Plan-not done with the Master Plan as originally thought, therefore it has become a goal of our department to supplement the Landscape Guidelines. Emily has a draft and we will begin the review process.

**GIS and Tree Inventory Update:**

We have mapped the new projects and most trees from paper maps and now need to do field verification of the maps. We have also updated trees from the inventory database that had died through 2012.

**Campus Tree Tour**

We are working on a Campus Walking Tour map that includes approximately 40 historical and significant trees on campus. Most of the trees are already labeled. Our GIS graduate student worked on a walking tour map. We are continuing on this project. Charlie suggested including the information on the Husker App.

**New Business:**

**Campus Projects:**

There are new projects that are in early stages of design and not funded yet.

**Campus Projects that will affect trees:**

New College of Business Administration project north of Kauffman Residential may lose 2 large elms on the west and several crabs by Kaufman.

Additional Note: Three elms are to be saved along with two large trees on east

Quilt House is planning an addition to the west of the service area; we will try to salvage the evergreens that are located west of the current service area.

UNMC Nursing School, to be located north of Dental, is going to Board of Regents in January.

It was recommended that large trees be considered as an amenity and the designer use these trees with in the design.

**Trees Planted 2013 (up to November 19, 2013)**

196 total trees planted

150 by Landscape Services

46 by outside contractors

35% Evergreens

65% Deciduous

**Trees removed 2013**

140 totals removed

59 construction

20 diseased or drought

61 probably diseased

42% Evergreens

48% Deciduous

**Master Plan and Landscape Guidelines Update**

Update – Approved by the Board of Regents in September haven’t gotten final version.

Friends of Maxwell Arboretum held a Fall Festival in September, 2 trees were planted and approximately 250 people attended the event. They are planning a Spring Event in 2014.

Next Meeting

Spring 2014