Present: Eileen Bergt, Richard Sutton, Susan Budler, Emily Casper, Mark Canney, Jeff Culbertson, Brittany Mitzlaff-Jensen and Charlie Griesen

Minutes from the November 19, 2013 meeting were read one additional comment was added and then approved.

Old Business:

Advisory Committee:
Brittany Mitzlaff-Jensen, a student worker on the UNL Landscape Services nursery crew is replacing Coelette Gruber as our Student Representative for a one year term. Brittany is in her fourth year of school, she is in Agronomy and Horticulture.

Richard Sutton’s three year term ended this May. He will let Eileen Bergt know by July 1st if he is going to continue on the committee for another three year term. If not we will find an Academic Representative replacement by the fall meeting.

Tree Campus USA Update:
Eileen submitted our application and UNL has achieved Tree Campus USA status again for the 6th straight year.

Eileen shared with the committee the information she compiled on the application when she submitted for Tree Campus USA designation.

Eileen also shared with the committee a copy of the letter Chancellor Harvey Perlman received from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating UNL on another year of Tree Campus designation.

There was some discussion of partnering with an elementary school to have some of the children participate in an Arbor Day or Earth Day tree planting on campus.

Discuss Goals and Targets of Tree Campus:
We are continuing the tree inventory multi-year project as our first goal.

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.

Jeff Culbertson will work with Charlie Griesen’s group to do some internal training of Landscape Services staff to start entering tree inventory data.
New Business:

Campus Projects:

East Campus
School of Nursing
Maxwell Drainage Project
New East Campus Housing

On hold for now-funding
Study by Kestrel Design Group will be complete this June
In programming stage, going to the Board of Regents this fall
Parking lot for this building would expand current commuter lot to the east towards existing Tennis and Basketball Courts

Campus Projects that will affect trees:

East Campus Gateway
Vet Diagnostic

Similar to 14th & R Gateway, a few crabs may need to be removed
West of Life Sciences Annex, not sure of impact yet

City Campus Dining
Love Library Addition

Opening in 2017 will impact a few trees
Vestibule addition and plaza area to the north of existing building

Trees Planted to date

64 by Landscape Services

None by outside contractors yet this year, but the following are slated for planting

Eastside Suites  46
50/50 Building  41

Trees removed 2014

We are working on list, will have for fall meeting

Friends of Maxwell Arboretum are holding a spring event on Thursday, May 15th. It is open to the public, we will planting some trees in a new conifer area.

Next Meeting
Fall 2014