

Campus Tree Advisory Board Meeting
November 16, 2015
11:00-12:00
Landscape Services Conference Room

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

Absent: Aaron Moore and Mark Canney

The minutes from the April 22, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

Advisory Committee:

Student Representative, Aaron Moore was unable to attend, but would still like to be on committee for the next spring and fall meeting, he graduates in December 2016.

Mark Canney's term ends in May, 2016; he indicated he would extend his term to May, 2019.

Tree Campus USA Update:

Eileen will submit our application for 2015 Tree Campus USA in December.

Discuss Goals and Targets of Tree Campus:

The committee agreed to continue the same goal of tree inventory and since the second goal of Tree Preservation and Mitigation Policy is nearly complete create a new goal of inventorying and mapping our Unique or Historic Trees on both city and east campus. A map potentially could be interactive and available online for the public.

Tree Preservation and Mitigation Policy:

Emily reported that the policy is at the Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance for review and should be going to the Senior Administration team for approval in January 2016.

Arbor Day Tree Planting:

A Horsechestnut was planted in Maxwell Arboretum on April 23, 2015.

Newton Apple Tree Planting:

On May 7, 2015, 2 Newton Apple trees were planted on the west side of Jorgensen Hall. Nursery Supervisor, Laurence Ballad talked about how this tree was propagated from the original Newton Apple Tree that is planted near Behlen Hall on campus.

Maxwell Arboretum Fall Event:

Several hundred people attended this year's fall event in Maxwell Arboretum on October 15, 2015. An Ohio Buckeye tree was planted for the event. An educational tree tour was created for the families attending the event.

Service Learning Project:

On November 6, 2015 over 50 students helped Landscape Services staff plant 12 trees on East Campus, near the 38th Street Bridge. The students helping were from the ASUN Sustainability Committee and two horticulture classes.

New Business:

Large Tree Protection:

Richard Sutton recommended that UNL create a map of large and historic trees that would identify trees that should not be affected by any construction. Richard stated that the quality of campus has been recently compromised by the loss of large trees.

Landscape Services has started mapping historic trees on campus. City Campus is mostly complete; East Campus needs to be done.

Emily reported that in the current Preservation and Mitigation policy, there is a step in the review process for the Tree Preservation team consisting of the Assistant Director of Landscape Operations, Assistant Director of Landscape and Campus Landscape Architect to participate in a pre-construction site walk-through to determine limitations and discuss concerns regarding trees in the construction site. This step should help with identifying large trees to save early in process.

Tree Removals:

Since May 1, 2015 we have removed 119 trees on both campuses.

78-- Construction

41-- Diseased or drought

119

Campus Plantings:

Since May 1, 2015, we have planted 173 trees, 58 of those were planted in new construction areas.

Campus Projects in Design:

New Student Health Center

New Nursing College Building

Library Depository-this is an addition to the west of the current building

Thermal Energy Storage Tank on City Campus

Vet Diagnostic Center-184 trees planned to be planted in 2016

College of Business Administration-35 trees planned to be planted in 2017

Next Meeting
April 27, 2016