

MARIEMONT TREE ADVISORY BOARD

June 8, 2022 Meeting Notes Location: Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Kristin VS at 3:05 pm.

Meeting attendees + monthly volunteer hours: Marcy L - 3.5, Margaret J - 9.5, Barb W - 19.5, Mary Beth Y - 19, Bob F - present but did not give hours

Member hours not in attendance, collected by Barb W - Larry G - 10.5

Total hours: 219.5 previous months +62 this month = **281.5**

Meeting Notes

* Roll call was conducted by Kristin VS.

Marcy L moved to approve May minutes, Mary Beth Y seconded. All ayes, no nays. Minutes approved.

* Agenda Items

Committees

Kristin VS said she will revisit next month.

Urban Site Indexing

Barb W said District 3 needs to get done. We have until the end of the month.

Kristin VS volunteered to help.

Discussion between Barb W & Kristin VS about availability.

Barb W asked how long to wait to do USI after a downpour. Wendi VS said to give it about a day after a rain.

Mary Beth Y asked if we could make a schedule with different locations, do a site all together and then split into teams to work in different locations.

Discussion of availability of volunteers.

Discussion about how to break up long streets such as Mariemont Ave or Miami Bluff.

Wendi VB said sometimes there's a natural breaking point like different ages of homes built. Barb W mentioned some areas have cubs and others don't.

Kristin VS asked about inventorying while there. Consensus that it might take too long to do both.

New Members

Kristin VS asked if anyone has had a chance to speak to potential new members.

Mary Beth Y asked MPF at her presentation and she said she did not get any responses.

Barb W mentioned Bob F can't attend TCA in Sept. And should we encourage volunteers to take it? Wendi VB said they'll self select when they realize they need more information.

Kristin VS said there are different roles to fill within tree board.

Watering/Planting

Barb W said she and John S have been discussing about some TAB members learning to drive their equipment. Barb W said there are 5 more trees John S is hoping to get planted in addition to the ones that need watering.

Barb W mentioned there's a tree looking stressed on Elm and it's still looking that way.

Mary Beth Y said it had to be lifted out of the hole and handled quite a bit.

Wendi VB said we may not see any changes one way or another until next year.

Mary Beth Y said John S was marking for new trees on Mariemont Ave down near pool.

We will wait until the end of the call to see if John S can give us an update.

Kristin VS said she will help put on gator bags.

Inventory App

Barb W said there's a free inventory app.

Wendi VB said this app is only for Apple products. Free version is very restricted but she's looking for someone to play with it a little to see if it would work for John S, but he doesn't like Apple. May not be the best fit.

Barb W asked if we would like to check it out individually. She will forward the email.

Fall Pruning

Wendi VB said the date is Friday, Oct 21 for a fall pruning workshop. How do we want to run the day?

Mary Beth Y said she liked the online course as a refresher since is flexible for people, and then in-person the next day.

Next meeting we can solidify the details. Wendi VB said John S committed his guys for that day already.

Margaret J asked about volunteer opportunities for Boy Scouts.

Group agreed we would like their help. Barb W said to put them in touch with her.

Communications

Barb W asked if we could plan out crier articles for Sept - Dec. Margaret J said she's happy to write in advance if we come up with topics we agree on.

Discussion about which topics we've already written about.

Mary Beth Y suggested a project update article or to write about the street tree captain and what that role is. Framing our articles to educate village about who we are, why we are important, and that we would like help. Mary Beth Y volunteered to help write an article on tree captains.

Wendi VB said ODNR website has ready made articles that are available for use.

Mary Beth Y said she has noticed 4 dead street trees alongside Mariemont Inn by barbershop

Margaret J asked if we want to talk about Ann Buntin Becker park.

Mary Beth Y also asked about the walking trail planned at Bell Tower park, plans to plant Dogwoods there.

Wendi VB discussed adding Dogwood tree seedlings to the hillside by the boat house as well.

Discussion about doing a street tree project versus a park project.

Discussion about who is on park board. Louise S is still an integral part even though she is no longer chair.

Kristin VS said someone reached out to her from park board to see if we should join each other's meetings.

Wendi VB said some towns will have a joint park and tree board meeting.

Barb W asked about tree care and watering.

Wendi VB said she still recommends what she recommends and one failing public tree is noticed by more people in Mariemont due to the community dynamics.

Barb W said a resident reached out that a street maple tree had died and when will it be replaced. Said this is tricky meshing a the care of a new tree in a random place with newly planted full streets.

Kristin VS said there are also people whose trees have needed replacement longer are also waiting.

Mary Beth Y said John S said he will remove the dead maple. Also asked about how to address needs of residents - program for them to pay to have a tree put in? How do we communicate with them?

Kristin VS said until we have our village planting plan it's hard to know what to replace with.

Wendi VB said doing urban site index to formulate a master plan is important. That way you can say for example, Mariemont Ave gets a tupelo.

Kristin VS said don't we need an inventory to know what to plant?

Wendi VB said no, the only reason we've been focusing on that is because of the John Nolen plan. Otherwise once USI is done it can be quick and easy.

Mary Beth Y said with the centennial coming up could we include tree planting for individual streets/areas.

Margaret J asked about doing USI individually since she's short on time to meet as a group. Discussion that best to work in pairs. Discussion about days and times.

Discussion about sending a group text or email when we have availability since it's hard to coordinate a larger group.

Mary Beth Y asked if we're duplicating work Wendi VB has done? Wendi VB said she updated our inventory and sends us the updates. She also notes the year of the last update. Said she will send the most current excel document. Suggested we meet in July at someone's house to look at the Nolen plan and help determine a master plan. Said if we can get USI done for every street, we can get a big map, score everything, and place trees.

* Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm to move on to discussion about Tree Board University. Next Meeting is July 13 from 3-4 pm.