

Urban Forest Commission

Meeting Minutes July 19, 2017

Attendance:

Commissioners: Mike Pennington, Judy Gibbs, Susan Stanich, Christine Penney

City Staff: Dale Sellner, Erik Birkeland

City Council: Em Westerlund

Call to Order:

The meeting started at 6:05.

Minute Approval:

The minutes from the June 21st, 2017, were approved.

Forester's Report

EAB Outreach Plan

1. EAB rollout plan was successful.
2. There is a Public Open House with an EAB presentation at Hartley Nature Center.

New Business:

Dave Hanson and Beth Petroske from the Minnesota Department of Transportation spoke and gave a power point on their methods of protecting trees, tree removals, and public engagement for MN DoT projects. MN DoT would like to build a relationship with the City of Duluth and the UFC to improve communications between the two governmental agencies, and to develop ideas and processes for both to better communicate with the public. There was a verbal agreement between both parties to create a standing annual meeting between the MN DoT, City Departments, and the UFC.

Old Business

City Forester

The posting ends on August 23rd. Interviews will follow. A UFC Commissioner should sit in on the interviews. The finalist will meet with the rest of the Commission and if he's acceptable be the finalist.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27. m/s/c