

Greenscape Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, February 17, 2015 5:00pm  
Hornet Park Community Center, Room A

Members present: Dave Miller, Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick, Beth Berg. Excused: Brenda Wilson

The new Council appointee was not present. Beth Berg will contact the Council and the Mayor to find out if she accepted the appointment or needs a schedule of meetings.

Dave Miller has been looking at what other cities have done with tree-care emergency plans to make it work and is ready to write something up to discuss with Brad Meriwether.

Beth shared findings and recommendations from the recent analysis of the updated city tree inventory. In reviewing progress since 2009, there is good news for Beech Grove's urban forest. The trend towards greater diversity is positive and will be easy to continue with appropriate choices for new tree plantings. The increase in maintenance and removal of trees in poor condition benefits the overall health of the urban forest and reduces the risk of damage and potential liability issues. Total population has increased by 72 trees, with most of these being in new locations. The complete report can be found on the city website, [Analysis of City of Beech Grove Tree Inventory - 2014 Update](#).

Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick shared progress on the Peace and Nature Garden. They are currently planning a Community Work Day for April 11th, 9am - Noon and an Open House on April 29th, 6 - 8pm, as well as programs at the site this fall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg  
Secretary, Beech Grove Greenscape Commission

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, March 16, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.