

CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES – September 1, 2015

Members Present: Jane Miller, Mary Sue Truesdale, Thelma Rutledge, Barb Willens, Bob Williams, Maureen Renault and Al Reed

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

**NEXT MEETINGS: October 6, 2015 @ 4:00p.m.**

The meeting was opened at 4:05 p.m. by Liz. The minutes from the August 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Barb to accept as presented, it was seconded by Sue and all approved the minutes.

**CITY UPDATE:**

- *Kendall Park Clubhouse* – Liz must provide a design and get it landscaped.
- *Kirkwood Park Concession Stand* – No news
- *Commerce Alley Improvement Project* – Liz must provide a design and get it landscaped.
- *City Arena* – Construction under way. Tree protection fencing in place.
- *Laurens Street magnolias* – PRUNED!
- *Park Use Requests* – Rectory Sq. Grace Church Blessing of the Animals (10/4/15)  
Rectory Sq. Camden Comm. Concert Band (10/18/15)  
Hampton Park – United Way Prayer Vigil (11/17/15)
- *Tree Removals* – Hampton Park (2 pines), Boykin Park (oak), Rectory Sq (lg oak), Chesnut Street (elm), Laurens Court (oak), Campbell Street (elm), Highland Ave (2 oaks), south Broad Street (oak, cherry & dogwood), PWs parking lot (Leyland cypress)
- *LLBR Ceremonies* – Rectory Sq. for Dr. Larry Parrott (9/15/15 at 4pm)  
Hampton Park for Dr. Watkins (9/24/15 at 10am)
- *Underground wires and new street lights* – starting at Lyttleton Street. Marking utilities now and will begin boring in the coming weeks.
- *Rectory Sq Park* – Fountain to be pressure washed and painted in the coming week.
- *Hampton Park* – Fountain has been problematic in operations but is now fixed and running.
- *Arbor Day* – Ceremony being planned for Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Camden Archives and Museum on Broad Street. Seedlings ordered (pot them up on 11/5/15?), CES contacted, Tree Foundation to help with tree cost and planting(?), may partner with KCS&WCD in celebration
- *Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony* – Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Review of Park Use Policy* – The final draft of the Policy was again reviewed in depth. Points of discussion were clarified and a few more minor tweaks were made. Liz will forward to city staff members for review.

*Leaders Legacy Bench Recognition Program* – There will be a ceremony held for Dr. Larry Parrott in Rectory Sq. Park on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p.m. and another ceremony will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Hampton Park for Dr. Watkins. There are four more ceremonies to be organized and hosted; they include a bench for former Councilmen Willard Polk, Pat Partin and Walter Long as well as one for former Mayor Mary

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Clark. Liz is working with Caitlin Corbett (Assistant to the City Manager) to schedule dates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Arbor Day 2015* – Liz shared with the group that in consultation with City staff, Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> has been chosen as the day to conduct the celebration. The ceremony will be held at 11 am at the Camden Archives and Museum grounds. A holly tree will be planted and dedicated to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building, which was originally built as a library with funds from Andrew Cornegie. Tree seedlings have been ordered from the SC Forestry Commission and Regina McDonald with the Camden Elementary School says that the school can participate in the celebration. Liz asked Al if the Camden Tree Foundation would like to sponsor the purchase and planting of the dedication tree. Al said he'd check with the group.

*Parks Needs List* – In the interest of time, this was deferred to the October meeting.

*Other* - Liz was asked to check on the trees along Polo Lane. They are hanging low. Also, the Kirkwood Common Park address on the website needs to be corrected.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester