

Parks & Trees Commission Meeting 8.11.25

Present: Bob Williams, Barbara Cantey, Ricky Macklin, Donna Cox, Barb Willens

Meeting began at 5:30 pm

Barb made motion to approve previous minutes, Barbara seconded motion. Commission approved.

Open House in September – What do we need to think about? Suggestions included having signage with some Did You Know? Facts – How many parks, how much acreage, per capita, closed at dusk? Original layout of the City with the parks – overlays with the progression over time. Brochures? Fun quiz with prize? How are we going to get the word out? Newsletter, social, press release, flyers in businesses and to civic groups. Brief info regarding what the Parks & Trees Commission is and does, what permits are needed with tree care, and list of tree species, native and not native. Fun history of the parks themselves, fountain at Hampton, fountain at Rectory, Monument Squares. Roles for the open house – Donna/Barbara at sign in, Bob/Barbara at Parks & Trees table, Rickey manning Kirkwood map/redesign.

Park Assignments – Lisa will get a list together of assigned parks for commission members; approximately 3 parks per member, walk around and see any potential issues at least once a month, report back at monthly meetings, rotate quarterly.

Discussion evolved into an education/awareness series for the community – different speakers and topics throughout the year (Arbor Day).

Updates to other parks, Brenda Sullivan reached out to Barb to have trees planted at Kirkwood Commons. Kirkwood Commons is not very high on the priority list for the Trees4SC! program.

Streetlight across Mill Street from 204 Chestnut Street.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2025. Agenda items will include final preparation for Open House and Park Inspection assignments.