

**North College Hill
Municipal Tree Advisory Board - Meeting – Minutes
2/21/2024**

Meeting Title: Municipal Tree Advisory Board – Regular Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: 2/21/2024 – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: NCH Senior Community Center

Planned Meeting Attendance:

Jevette Williams (NCH resident / Chair)

Mary Jo Zorb (NCH resident / Council Member / Co-Chair)

Donna Brunner (NCH resident / Council Member)

Sean O'Rourke (NCH resident / Secretary)

Planned Meeting Topics:

1. The group was introduced to Mel via phone at Tikkun Farm who can provide tree planting / selection guidance. Mel explained the difference between straight tree vs. cultivars tree and that Tikkun usually supplies straight trees. Tikkun has a USDA grant to provide trees to low-income residents. The trees would be about 2 - 3 years old and 2'-3' tall. We are exploring the idea of providing several residents with trees and assisting in the planting as part of an Arbor Day activity.
2. The group would like to plant fruit trees. Mary Jo asked the property owner if we could plant fruit trees on the vacant lots on Catalpa Ave. Home-owner (Jenny Petry) has said yes. The Tree Commission would have to clear the brush first. At the next meeting, will visit the location and consider if we could plant trees here as part of an Arbor Day activity.
3. Sean will email Jennifer Ekey about planting a couple of trees at Dumele Park with the City's funds as part of an Arbor Day activity.
4. Once we confirm with whoever implemented the tree removal on Dordine Lane, Laranne Lane, and Sundale Ave (Mary Jo texted Jennifer Ekey), we will consider asking residents if they want new trees planting in this right-of-way space. Mary Jo and Donna will ask homeowners once it is confirmed that trees can be planted in this area between the sidewalk and roadway.
5. We scheduled Arbor Day for Saturday 4/27.
6. Next meeting will be Wed 3/20 at 6:00PM.