



Bel Aire Tree Board

CITY HALL – SENIOR CENTER

Monday January 22, 2024

6:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order: By Chairperson Rebecca Armstrong

II. Roll Call:

a. Sylvia McCombs __N__

b. Gary Northwall __Y__

c. Hilde Yops __Y__

d. Bruce Roepke __Y__

e. Jesse Miller __Y__

f. Emily Ryder __N__

g. Rebecca Armstrong __Y__

III. Guests: City Atty Marie Schrock **canceled** . Maria sent this email Jan 19 2024 Friday 5:04pm:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to give a KOMA Presentation to your board on Monday, 01/22/24. I apologize for this short notice and any inconvenience caused. One of my work projects has increased in urgency and I need to give my full attention to it, at this time.

More information regarding KOMA training will be sent next week.

Thank you for your understanding and I hope you all have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

NO OTHER GUESTS SCHEDULED

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: October 17th

Action: Motion to approve the minutes of

Motion ____ Bruce ____ Second ____ Hilde ____ Vote: all YES ____



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v.Board Member Reports/Comments

Sylvia: General update/: N/a

Hilde: Central Park Update: Discussion about counting trees in the Central Park Zone. We could pick on area at a time and schedule a time to walk in the area and create a list of trees we see.

Gary:

Told us about the Appreciation Dinner. Gary, Bruce and Karen, and Sylvia and her husband went to the diner and it was very nice.

Survivor Tree relative of an acquaintance did not have a place for the survivor tree we had offered her but did want a picture of the tree. There are many seedlings in the yard of this tree. Gary would contact this person to see if we could go dig them up and pot them for give away later when they are bigger. We liked this idea so Gary will ask if we can do this and make the connection for us.

WE WILL MISS YOU>>>>Do NOT be a STRANGER. We need you, and will feel lost without your hand on the rudder, shoulder to the oar, and wind to open our sails. Whatever role you envision yourself in please tell us and we can have you come talk to us during meetings as a GUEST! We also will use your time, wandering watching birds or viewing nature, and trees [of course]...as volunteer hours! We also will join you on your walks!

Bruce: Update seedlings>>Would like to try the volunteer starts though did plant quite a few oaks and will see what happens this spring.

Jesse: The City website had updates about the TREE BOARD ACTIVITIES which included pictures!! We hope this will continue. We will do a flier and Jesse will send it to Tristin, or whomever is in charge of the website, to get some traction. Our hope is to get it sent out with the water bill.

Emily: N/A

Rebecca: Counting Trees in Bel Aire, Opportunities Schools, Parks, open spaces

vi. Old Business: How did it go? What can we improve on? The discussion



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about the November 2023 event centered around the successes...it was fun, and

comfortable, community building. There was not a lot of time to promote or plan. We are thankful for the April event because we have more time.

VII. New Business:

- 1. Brainstorm: April 20 plan for Tree Education and Celebration.**
 - a. Community Room**
 - b. Speakers: County Extension, nature speakers, Audubon Society...discussion about why Audubon...this is birds. Trees are essential for the life of passerines and thus why we would like to learn more about birds[what they need, like and why]**
 - c. Tree Give Away: will contact Tree Top for trees**
 - i. Where to put the trees? Contact Marty McGee and talk with him about our plan and report back in next meeting.**
 - d. Films: not a lot of time**
 - e. Food: did not discuss food but will next time.**
 - f. Planting Seeds: This was popular at the Nights Out event so we will try to do this again. We think we can combine this with planting small volunteer trees into pots. Some we can give away...some we will keep depending on what the 'planters' wanted.**

III. Adjournment: Next Meeting February 26, 2024 Action: Motion to adjourn.

Motion Gary Second Jesse Vote: All yes.



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VOLUNTEER HOURS

NAME	DATE	ACTIVITIES	TOTAL TIME
REBECCA ARMSTRONG	Jan 2024	Meeting notices and changes to Agenda. Research policies of other cities...SanAntonio. Connections/meetings with ICT Trees and Tree Huggers. How to save Trees. SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES. 4-20-24 EVENT LIST	10
HILDE YOPS		Volunteer dinner, meeting	2.5
EMILY RYDER GRABER			
JESSE MILLER		Meeting	1
SYLVIA MCCOMBS			
GARY NORTHWALL		Vol Dinner plus Meeting	2.5
BRUCE ROEPKE		Vol Dinner plus Meeting	2.5
		TOTAL FOR MONTH:	18.5
		TOTAL FOR YEAR:	18.5