



Independence Tree Commission Minutes

September 11, 2024 5:30 PM

Vaile Mansion - 1500 N. Liberty

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Charlotte Olejko, David Campbell, Darla Eames, Tim O'Neil, Jim Hannah

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

June minutes read and approved.

No meeting in July

No meeting in August

OLD BUSINESS

1. Legacy Trees

The Legacy Tree project was discussed and continues.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Truman Historic District Sidewalk

A large sweetgum tree is pushing up part of a sidewalk in a historic area of Independence. City has to sign off on fixing the problem, but the homeowner was asking for advice on fixing the issue.

2. Landscape Plan - Vaile Mansion

Landscape for the Vaile Mansion front area still on course.

Kousa Dogwood donation still in the plan. Need to find a place to plant it on the property.

3. Future Projects

Discussion of projects to do as a Commission, possibly donate a tree and plant in

community areas. Woodlawn Cemetery is looking for trees. Suggested that the cemetery sexton join the next meeting.

TREE TALK

Yellowwood. *Cladrastis kentukea*. Klaus-branch, thraustos - brittle twig. Kentucky - of Kentucky. Zone 4-8. 30-50 x 40-55' high and wide. Full sun. White showy flowers in May; wisteria-like in appearance. It takes 8–10 years to bloom; blooms every 2–3 years. Bright green foliage; compound leaf. Yellow fall color.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting - Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024