



Independence Tree Commission Minutes

March 12, 2025 5:30 PM

Vaile Mansion - 1500 N. Liberty St.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Attendees: Charlotte Olejko, David Campbell, Darla Eames, Tim O'Neil, Jim Hannah, Mike Adams, Twyla Olson-Hahn

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes - November 13, 2024

November meeting minutes approved

2. Minutes - December 11, 2024

December minutes read, need corrections

OLD BUSINESS

Trees for Woodlawn Cemetery: \$1500.00 donation to cemetery for trees. Trees to be determined. Perry's crew to plant and water.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City Tree Ordinance

Tree ordinance for City of Independence to be revised. Each member to read, make notes, and bring ideas to the next meeting. Recommendations to be submitted to the city.

2. Uptown Garden Faire

April 26, 8 am - 2 pm at the Uptown Market. Need more vendors as some are unable to participate this year. Booth is \$30 for a 10x10' area.

TREE TALK

Yoshino Cherry - *Prunus x yedoensis*. 30' H - 40' W. White to pink flowers in March-April. Full sun to part shade. Fragrant. Zones 5-8. Not drought-tolerant. Small black cherries, bitter. Yellow to bronze fall color. From Japan. These are the cherry trees planted in Washington D.C. Genus name *Prunus* means plum or cherry. Specific epithet of *yedo* means Tokyo. Problems: borers, leaf spot, aphids, scale, Japanese Beetles.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting April 9, 5:30 pm

Adjourned 6:50 pm