### Campus Tree Advisory Committee

### Meeting notes for Feb. 2021

Attendees:

Kevin McSweeney, chair

Brent Lewis

Ryan Welch

Jay Hayek

Andrew Lamoreux

Sinead Soltis

Morgan White

Meredith Moore

1. Welcome and hello from Chair-Kevin
2. Tree Campus Plan – submitted and a thank you letter
   * Thanks to everyone who helped put that document together
   * Mike Brunk from the IDNR have very kind remarks about our tree care plan
3. Tree Policy efforts – update from students Aditiya and Sinead
   * Work in progress
4. Big Tree efforts – Jay to provide update
   * Carolina silver bell needs to be measured within the president’s house
   * Scarlet oak in orchard downs
     + 46’’ in diameter
     + Another potential big tree
   * Other misidentified trees could potentially be winners
   * 183 +/- species that are considered native to Illinois (92 are free of an award winner)
   * We (UIUC) could advocate for or neighbors to also get their trees nominated
   * 1 to 2 big trees submitted a year
   * Fear of trees becoming vandalized if becoming recognized (either don’t disclose the info or don’t put on too much signage)
   * Jay has been a chair for Illinois for USA tree campus for 18 years
5. Big tree measuring
   * COVID safety precautions still in place
   * Potential educational video with drone work (drone access policy)
     + Working with UIUC extensions
6. Arbor Day planning – April 30
   * Planning for another virtual event
   * Video record a tree planting and they play it on the livestream
   * Elianna and Red Oak garden
     + 3 trees planned for planting
   * MM & iSEE funds for trees
     + 1 tree for arbor day and the iCAP
     + Planting a tree to offset the emissions from planting and transmission of the iCAP
     + Overall, 2 trees are being planned to be planted with iSEE funding
   * JH- Have the video turtorial of how to measure a tree prepared for this event
   * Do our own livestream and invite ccnet (they hosted last year)
   * Moderator for questions for the arborists, to see which can be answered now and then email after
     + Submit in advance – maybe on the invite
   * Andrew and park district: They have not planned an event yet(nothing will be in-person), typically try and work with the grade schools
     + AL will see if we can put the event together
   * CCDC: trying to collect all the information together to share what’s going on across the county and have all the info in one place
   * Should we add the big tree together into this event
     + Walk through of what the big tree campus is and maybe to tree reveal
   * Walk through the solar farm buffer
   * R. welch and planning on tree plantings
     + Would they be able to record? Problems with just machinery and frost, getting enough trees in in time
   * Reaching out to F&S and other media outlet (iSEE, extension)
   * Mid-march is when we want to have everyone locked in
   * iSEE to host the event? for the technical side
7. Round the table
   * Meredith w/ iSEE
     + Resilience iCAP team working on an environmental justice plans, impacts and tree canopy
   * MW w/ F&S
     + CCDC wants to collect all the events across the campus
     + Helping Eliana brown with SSC funds and RORG
     + Solar farm 2.0 went live this weekend!!!
   * Ryan w/ grounds
     + Working in tree keeper database w/ arborists
     + Removal- to stump -to plantings, to help better plan where they need to plan
     + Ryan & tree surgeons will update trees planted , catching up with removals(2-3 years to catch up on ash trees, 30 left to add)
     + See if the chainsaw class can come and see tree removals
   * Andrew
     + Working on snow removal, no trees
     + Oak tree pruning work orders will start being placed soon
     + Putting in orders for all other spring planting
   * Brent
     + Has $$ this year for trees
     + Brent and intern will be logging solar farm trees
   * Kevin
     + Lincoln avenue and assisted migration of trees