### Campus Tree Advisory Committee

### Meeting notes for Mar. 2021

Attendees:

Kevin McSweeney, chair

Morgan White

Meredith Moore

Brent Lewis

Ryan Welch

Andrew Lamoreux

Jay Hayek

Aditya Bhansali

Sinead Soltis

1. Welcome and hello from Chair
   * Arboretum is having a hard time finding funding for summer intern, no revenue coming in due to COVID-19
   * Plantings at FLB funding allocated, looking to see where that money can be used if extra?
2. Tree Campus designation – approved!!
   * Ryan- Thank you to the tree planting crew
   * Thank you to everyone who helped in keeping our campus as a registered Tree Campus
3. Tree Policy efforts – update from students Aditya and Sinead
   * Aditya: looked into the University of Kansas and Stanford tree policies
   * ISA plant appraisal is commonly used as a guide
   * UI-Bloomington is a suggestion of a thorough tree policy to look into
   * What are the next steps for F&S to revise our currently policy?- submit to Mohamed, from Brent and the tree committee
   * Andrew and the city’s policy on damaged trees-tree appraisal and replace for the value and paid toward the city, submit for a permit, $ goes into line in budget item “campus replacement”
     + Not common, but Police report of someone coming up with the damages and fine from the drivers insurance policies
   * For F&S and capital projects, could consider a fund/budget line item that is different to hold onto tree and landscape funds
   * Brent is considering changing the policy from a 1 to 1 replacement to: 12” loss, 2+, 24”, 3+, cap out at 4+ trees
   * Special tree guide- get a guide together “gold metal trees”, “champion trees” , label and then protect them- have this outlined in the new guide
     + American Elm- one only on campus
     + Trees @ Union, only two trees to survive the fire Illini Hall
   * $45 million for arboretum upgrade from a donation! Nut grove would need to move
   * Natl. register of historic places, landscape has the same grading
   * Set a draft for the end of the semester
4. Derecho grant [http://www.treesforever.org/PlantingHopeGrants/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/www.treesforever.org/PlantingHopeGrants/__;!!DZ3fjg!sxcBxBwSad_FdKIllVgngWuGrg67jK75TN_dSvxM-asAZZDy-CLT1ZZuPePbhEi0LQ$)
   * Reach out to see if its one application or not for campus
   * Try as a committee to out one of these applications through by the April 1st deadline
5. Arbor Day planning – April 30
   * Video of tree plantings by F&S
     + Steve at F&S has a great idea for now to create a video instead of being in person
     + 3-5 min video of how f&s plants trees on campus
     + Drone footage of the Carolina silverbell-
       - Video focused around the tree itself
   * Video of Big Tree application process by Extension
   * Announce the big tree awards on Arbor Day- Jay will handle
   * Andrew(Champaign) and Park district- nothing definite, plans in the works from Brent Johnson and champaign park district
     + Send to CCDC- they are collecting all Arbor Day plans for campus
6. Round the table, if time allows
   * Andrew
     + Back to forestry: training, pruning, and clearing
     + 1-2 weeks move into work orders and requests for pruning oak trees
     + Prepping for spring planting
   * Jay
     + Not much due to weather
     + Approval to do chainsaw training (18ug,1 g) at south arboretum woods, Race & Winsor
   * Ryan
     + F&S trees
     + Weather changed and now planning has occurred
     + Shifting from removal to pruning, training the trees in the last 3 years
     + Adding to the inventory
   * Brent
     + Getting trees planted at ehall
     + Funds for RORG
   * Sinead
     + Attended Big10 and Friends meeting for Sustainability, shared progress for different campuses’ tree policies