

CATs Virtual BOARD MEETING
October 4, 2021

Attending: Barbara White, Robin Hanes, Rachel Keen, Michelle Cormier, Kathy Nepote, Tim Maywalt, Penny Kaiserlian, Mary Spear, Toine Wyckoff, Mark Zollinhofer, Kendra Hall

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Secretary: Toine Wyckoff

Corrections of September minutes approved

President's Report: Barbara White

A draft of the invitation to the Founders' Tree Dedication was attached to the Board meeting agenda. The picture of the whole tree with foliage was chosen by the board to be on the invitation which Mary Spear had revamped. Time of dedication will be 11:30 with friends of the honoree's also being invited to come.

The Memorial Tree (Southern Magnolia) for Beryl Solla was planted at PVCC by Tim, Mary and Barbara with help from Barbara's husband Dave. There is a 4ft. fence surrounding the tree. Mary has reached out for a volunteer to care for the newly planted tree and thinks she has someone who is interested. Mary contacted Beryl Solla's husband to let him know the tree had been planted and she said he was very pleased.

Past President: Rachel Keen

Rachel asked about the process of replacing a lost name tag. Most likely a replacement could be ordered when the new certified Tree Stewards get theirs.

President-Elect: Robin Hanes

Robin reported that the Maplewood Cemetery Post Oak that had recently been designated as a Notable Tree had a huge part of it collapse. It was rotted inside.

The hundred-year old White Oak at Emmanuel Baptist church has died fairly quickly. Robin plans to ask Mike Abbot of Bartlett Tree Service where to plant the new tree. According to a story, the Indians used the tree as a marker for traveling.

Gateway Trees-Bartlett has sprayed the trees but we need to watch for other signs.

Treasury Report: Michelle Cormier

There was no income for the month of September. Michelle has sent individual committee chairs their expenditures for the month.

Jan.1-Oct3, 2021

Total Income	\$18,435.61
Total Expenses	9,305.53
Net Income	9,130.08

Because there will be a processing fee for sales transactions using Square, Michelle will keep track of these fees in order to see what the end costs will be.

Tree Commission Report: Mark Zollinhofer

At the last meeting, Roxanne White described the new project ReLEAF. Robin said that she had been sent a list of the class presentations being taught next year at Venable School and that she felt CATS could be used in teaching some of these classes.

The city Arborist Mike Ronayne has been working with CTC on a Study of the Mall Trees

As the trees age the question is "what should be done?" It will be up to The City Council to decide what happens to these trees, but it is clear, trees are very important in creating ambiance on the downtown mall.

Emerald Ash borer has had a huge impact on City properties and will be very expensive to be removed as they will need to be taken down by cranes.

CTC is trying to protect the street trees on Garrett Street as construction for the housing development continues.

CTC meets on the First Tuesday of the month after CATS Board meeting on Monday. Kendra asked Mark if he could send her highlights of the meeting tomorrow night. Mark said he would be happy to do so.

10th and Page project-Kendra Hall

There have been a few setbacks but still interest in this neighborhood for trees albeit a smaller group than initially thought but who seem to be excited about having a tree or two. Jeremy Caplin has indicated he will not be going through the neighborhood with Tree Stewards but has committed to dig the holes when we are ready for planting. Kendra has other contacts through the HOA meetings and will be following up with them about going door to door. Tree waivers and tree selection and dates will all occur at the same time as we will be planting only a few trees at a time. Signage on each tree will indicate the value and benefits of having trees. Kendra has talked with Dorie at Southern States about trees and when to order.

Projects: Kathy Nepote

In addition to the ongoing Tree Steward Class which meets on Saturdays, Projects has scheduled several work days in October and early November during the week.

October 7-Jackson-Via School/ Invasive control

October 14-CATS Grove. Tree/Bush Maintenance/ trail mulching

October 20-CATS Arboretum @ Fontaine Park/clean up tree cages

October 21-CATS Arboretum @ Fontaine Park/clean up cages and add mulch

November 4- Greenleaf park/clean up

November 16-CATS nursery/ Potting

As always, check on TIF for events that are happening throughout the month

Education:

Tim Maywalt. Mary Spear

Tree Walks in September: UVA, Botanical Garden and Pen Park

No tree walks in October

October 5(zoom)- Tree-Id Class-Leaf Color: Emily Ferguson

October 19(zoom)-Tree Basics-Tree Selection, Planting, and Care: Tim Maywalt

October 23-Darden Towe Park. Planting of 17 container trees. For those CATS members who have volunteered to be team leaders for the tree steward class October 30, this will be an opportunity for a dry run of what will be done with the class.

Mary Spear

October 27 membership meeting will be in person at VDOF. The guest speaker, Tim Beatley, Professor at UVA's Urban and Environmental Planning Department. His topic will be "Cities that Love Nature: Why All Cities in the Future Must be Biophilic".

(Note-biophilic design is an applied solution to appease the desire for nature by integrating natural elements and processes into the built environment.)

Communications: Penny Kaiserlian

Promotion: Promotions are being prepared for the November Tree Basics 3-part class on invasive plants, the only CATS public event next month. The public mailing list now has 940 names, with 60 people who have joined this year from outside the CATS area.

There were two Tree Basics classes in October and both of them filled up nicely primarily from the email promotion, and mentions on the website Facebook and the Cville Calendar.

Library: The CATS library at DOF has been little used this past year with limited opportunities for CATS members to be at DOF. We hope to reactivate the library next year with more book donations and purchases, and encouragement for greater use. A member of the Class of 2021 has expressed interest in managing the library and has already offered some good ideas.

Continuing or Unfinished Business

Founders Tree Sign and Dedication

The original plan for the sign to be installed on a rock is not able to be completed; therefore, Barbara and Robin plan to pick out a stone and find a member who could mount the plaque.

Draft of invitation to Founders Dedication was revamped by Mary Spear with board agreeing to changes.

MOU & MOA from CPRD

Much discussion regarding insurance, including the shed in the agreements (specifically our ownership), advertising CATS projects, define "approval", and herbicide use. Barbara will include Kathy and Tim on her next zoom call with Chris Gensic to get further clarification on these issues.

Trees Virginia Mini Grant

Barbara reminded committee chairs of the need to put their proposals in by October 29 in order to be considered.

New business: Tim Maywalt

Tim has been approached by a new tree steward class member who works for Mike Neal and would be willing to do a 1/2day training class for CATS on chain saw use. There was much interest on the board for this type of training as a fair number of members already do chain sawing. Barbara suggested that there needs to be a protocol prepared and line up a qualified

trainer for this training. Tim also suggested that first aid should also be offered for anyone using power tools.

Meeting adjourned 3:25

Respectfully submitted,
Toine Wyckoff