Campus Tree Advisory Committee

November 2020 General Meeting

November 2nd, 2020

Attendees:

Morgan White, Meredith Moore, Kevin McSweeney, Brent Lewis, Julia Marsaglia, Andrew Lamoreux, Jay Hayek, and Sinead Soltis

1. Brent Lewis on the topic of F&S funding near $150,00 for trees to be planted on campus
   1. To keep up with the iCAP objectives the University should be planting approximately 500 trees per year
   2. 1500 new trees need to be added by 2024 to campus to achieve iCAP goal
2. Discussion on where on campus where we can add trees 😊
   1. Down both Nevada & Oregon street
   2. Cultural houses on campus are frequently looked over when the campus looks to make improvements, looking to add trees and other landscape upgrades there
   3. Areas throughout Urbana side of campus can still see a lot more landscaping
   4. South quad, near Ike, throughout parking lots, ect.
3. Where can we spend F&S money for trees
   1. Unsure if funding can be spent on areas throughout campus, like green spaces owned by the UIUC Parking Department, that are not owned by F&S
   2. Committee members looking into this!
4. Andrew’s update
   1. Always working on the replacement and removal of trees that will be replaced in the spring
5. Trees Removal and Replacement System on campus
   1. Current status is that for every (1) one tree that is removed, (1) tree needs to be planted
   2. Could we switch to replacing on an “inch per inch” basis
   3. Brett suggests creating a more complex system that accounts for the size of the trees that are severely damaged or need to be removed
      1. Ex: For a tree with a diameter between 1-8 inches, replace with 1 tree
      2. 8-24 inch, 2 trees
      3. 24+ 2+ trees
6. Damage policy regarding trees
   1. Brainstorming ideas of how to hold outside contractors accountable to landscape damage
   2. Problems arise with those that deliver to the University, and not directly within contract
7. Looking into other towns, campuses
   1. Sinead will look at the tree replacement policies across similar campuses in the U.S.
8. Have a good November and enjoy Thanksgiving!