### 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