

Eastmorland Community Association Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 7 pm-8:30 pm
Pinney Library, Community Room A

Agenda

7:00-7:05	Call to order and changes to agenda
7:05-7:50	<p>Discussion about Eastmorland Green Spaces</p> <p>Guests: Maddie Dumas, City Engineering; Ann Freiwald, City Parks</p> <p>Interested in hearing how we can support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Installing native plantings into our parks and other public green spaces (as well as encouraging private residences to landscape on their own, too). 2) Planting fruit trees, oaks, and hickories. 3) General park stewardship (e.g. clearing out buckthorn and honeysuckle along the Ontario Park bike path section). 4) Natural playgrounds. 5) Any other activities or ideas that support our parks!
7:50-8 pm	<p>Joel suggestion– having a point person handle posting relevant things to social media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate the need for Dan to forward things if person could have access to mailbox • Who has historically done this? • Any volunteers?
8 pm-8:25 pm	<p>Items that have come up via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming events– Santa visits– Staci asking who is coordinating event, if ECA would buy/make a couple of yard signs • Royster Oaks HOA: The Royster Corners HOA wants to establish a relationship with the ECA. I'm sure we have some common needs and goals. We're also interested in learning how to work with the City. • Adam– email about ECA supporting bike pump track at Olbrich north park, falls outside of ECA activities, ok if Rebecca replies? • Future of Eastmorland Outdoor Markets (likely discussion at future meeting) • Any other events or activities that need discussion? Debrief from leaf raking?
8:25	Budget updates (discussion if needed)

	Treasurer's Report for 10/10/2023	
	General fund	\$15,790.39
	Save the Park Ash Trees	\$4,343.22
	Total checking account	\$19,427.16
	PayPal account - general	\$310.71
	Paypal account (ash trees)	\$0.00
	Accounts Overdue/due	\$0.00
	Checks not Cashed (Liability)	\$0.00
	Prepaid ads	\$3,207.55
	Balance	\$16,530.32
	Paid to Tree Health Management on 10/7/2021 for treatment of 33 ash trees in the neighborhood (including \$1,086.19 from ECA general fund)	\$6,670.24
	01/15/2023 Proposal from Tree Health Management	\$7,945.31
	currently donated	\$4,343.22
	Left to raise	\$3,602.09
8:30	Adjourn <i>Next meeting: Tuesday, January 9th. Happy holidays!</i>	

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

- Board members: Breanna Illéné, Dan Zimmerman, Olivia Williams, Rebecca LeBeau, Micah Kloppenburg, Kris Whitman (arrives at 7:38)
- Guests: Maddie Dumas - City Engineering; Ann Freiwald - City Parks

Parks and Engineering Discussion

Maddie Dumas - discusses vegetation restoration work can happen on Stormwater land. Maddie [shared PDF here](#).

- There is a lot of Stormwater land in Eastmorland and a lot of opportunities and need for volunteers, though we haven't had many volunteers.
- The City has a contract with Operation Fresh Start (OFS) youth on the native plantings work along the bike path and greenspace behind baseball field along bike path by Starkweather.
 - Could need a burn in prairie there.
- Mayor's Monarch Pledge involves partnering with community gardens to encourage them to do more native plantings. Engineering collects native seed and can provide it to gardeners.
 - Could grow starters as a neighborhood project.

- In Eastmorland Park, “Woodman’s pond” has some native plantings but invasive grass is there, would be a colossal effort to remove it. Channel on south end of Eastmorland Park has some nice plantings and would be a great spot for volunteers.
- Royster Oaks pond is owned by Engineering but leased by private company that also does native plantings.
- Stormwater pond behind YMCA - Lake Edge - space over there as well for native planting work.
- Engineering can’t accept donations of plants or money, but can accept volunteers.

Volunteer opportunities at above locations in Eastmorland:

- Digging weeds
- Establishment mowing of native plantings
- Collecting seed
- Growing plants
- Planting plants

Ann Freiwald - Planning and Development Manager from City Parks Department

- Development updates:
 - North Olbrich (north side of Garver) - 2 options for development (see on City Parks website). One has a dog park and the other has more of a meadow and parking trails.
 - Playground near Lakeland Ave in Olbrich park - was in terrible condition - took it out. Many people were upset. Plan to build a new natural play area in 2024. Will be doing some public process in Spring for that play area.
 - Voit farm - north of the corn field - will be either Engineering or Park land. Will be adding to existing park up there. Will most likely have a dog park. Will have parking on Chicago Ave for that one, have to walk to the dog park. Plan to have a single track bike trail there too.
 - OB Sherry - Bought 3 houses to expand OB Sherry Park. Eventually will buy the other ones to complete the park.
- Question from attendees: How can we advocate to do work in any parks, or use funds we have raised for Ash trees for work in these parks?
 - Madison Parks Foundation is fiduciary agent - that's how you donate. Parks hasn't accepted trees or money for trees in the past for specific trees. Parks doesn't have anyone in Maddie's position at Parks, no one to run volunteer crews. If you're interested in doing native plantings, work with Maddie on those properties she identified. We don't have a master plan for parks.
 - However, Parks just hired a volunteer coordinator named John. ECA could coordinate with John an agreement for a specific project that would say the volunteers maintain a project but once volunteers stop caring for something, the Parks dept will take it out of the park. John will work on and enforce the contract.
 - Rooted is community garden coordinator for city owned community garden land. Nicholas Leete is the contact if you are interested in creating new community garden space

Kris arrives to meeting at 7:38

Updates:

Leaf Raking was another success!

25 volunteers, 19 lawns (2 additions day-of), 5 more from last year had family help and didn't need it this year, but want to be on the list next year. So There will be 26 calls to make for opportunities to rake leaves next year.

Fall Party

Donations of \$131 for ECA received

Santa Visits & Cookie Plates: Dec 9th

Breanna - Staci has reduced capacity right now, asked for ECA's help with yard signs and cookies.
Breanna coordinated Santa visit date of Dec 9th.

Micah motions to buy the yard signs for Santa visits for up to \$80

Rebecca seconds

Motion passes without objection

Posting events on FB and Next Door

Rebecca can clarify over email if Brian is comfortable primary point, Emily is backup, Olivia is backup
backup to post to social