

KUB Tree Trim Policy Review Panel Organizational Meeting Notes

February 5, 2010

Panel Members Present: Jim Bletner; Dwain Burke; Bill Elmore; Jennifer Gihring; Sara Hedstrom; Randy Humble; Doug Irwin; Montina Jones; Brenda Palmer; Barbara Pelot; Scott Romines; Jamie Rowe; Larry Silverstein; David Vandergriff; and Luis Velazquez.

Panel Members Absent: Cindy Bradley.

The Tree Trim Policy Review Panel held its organizational meeting on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 445 S. Gay Street.

Panel Facilitator Dawn Ford, KUB Board Chair Pace Robinson, and KUB President and CEO Mintha Roach extended a welcome to the panel members. Mintha Roach expressed appreciation for the panel members' time commitment and noted that she looks forward to receiving recommendations from the Panel for changes that can help improve KUB's tree-trimming program.

Afterward, panel members were introduced and provided an opportunity to become better acquainted.

Dawn Ford provided an overview of the day's activities, distributed panel member notebooks, and established participation ground rules. Contents of the panel member notebook are available at <http://tinyurl.com/Tree-Trim-Panel>.

Liz Hannah, KUB Lead Forester, provided a presentation to specifically outline KUB's current tree trimming program. A question and answer session followed.

Tom Simpson, the East Tennessee Regional Urban Forester for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division, graphically illustrated national pruning standards for utilities. A question and answer session followed.

The Facilitator captured the panel members' issues and concerns for future discussion. The Panel asked that its list from the February 5 meeting be combined with a list submitted by Larry Silverstein on February 4. The joint list will be discussed at the Panel's first working session.

The Panel asked that its future meetings be held in the late afternoon or early evening – between 4 and 8 p.m. – to facilitate broader participation from both the public and panel members.

The Panel also discussed details and preferences for the Public Listening Session on February 16, 6 to 8 p.m. The Public Listening Session will also be held at 445 S. Gay Street. The Panel requested Tom Simpson open the Public Listening Session with a brief presentation on lateral tree trimming.

The Panel noted its next working session should be held soon after the February 16 Public Listening Session. The Panel also requested Larry Silverstein make a presentation at the next working session.

No members of the public were present to address the panel.