

URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 18, 2018 8:05AM

City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 5

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Jones, Chairman
John Schwandt, Vice Chairman
Glenn Truscott
Bob Hallock (*in at 8:30am*)
Bruce Martinek

STAFF PRESENT:

Katie Kosanke, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Erika Eidson (*work conflict*)
Tim Kastning (*out of town*)
Steve Bloedel
Marie Michaelson, Student Rep

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keith Jones at 8:30am (when there was enough committee members present for a quorum).

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

John Schwandt made a motion to add a removal request inspection at 1801 Northwest Blvd, so the owner does not have to wait a month for review, seconded by Bruce Martinek, motion approved.

1) MINUTES

The April 20, 2018 Urban Forestry Committee minutes were approved by John Schwandt, seconded by Glenn Truscott, motion passed.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3) COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Please see attached report.

4) CITY LICENSED TREE SERVICE ACCREDITATIONS

Tim Kastning asked for this agenda item previously but has not been able to attend the last couple of

meetings. The committee briefly discussed if services and accreditations were listed under each tree service or on another page, it may require quite a bit of time to keep the webpage updated and it could look like advertisements. It may be helpful for services to be listed such as pest management. It was recommended to keep websites listed and property owners can go to their individual webpages for additional information if they choose.

5) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS

Tree watering education program - Committee members suggested a tree watering education program in the summer due to recent dry years and trees that appear to be dying and/or struggling as a result. Staff mentioned there are Community Canopy materials available for use and this program can easily be implemented. A press release will be sent out as well as information posted on the City's Facebook page in a month or two. Bob Hallock suggested adding a reminder to the bottom of utility bills.

6) INSPECTION REQUESTS

- 2212 Government Way in alley right-of-way – request made by the utility company and abutting property owner to remove a maple tree in the alley approved. Approval was approved due to clearance issues over low over alley and conflicting with the overhead utilities. Required pruning would not leave much of the tree left. The tree is also in poor location and is currently in fair condition.
- 1801 Northwest Blvd – request to remove a maple tree due to visibility conflicts (*the owner called and decided that at this time he doesn't want to request to remove the tree, rather want it pruned.*)

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00am. Bruce Martinek, Bob Hallock, John Schwandt and Glenn Truscott went out to do the inspections in the field following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Kosanke, Urban Forester