

(DRAFT)
URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 16TH, 2024 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt
Gina Davis
Bob Hallock
JD Reeves
Erika Eidson
Bruce Martinek
Steve Bloedel

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Phill Messick – Project Manager, DR
Horton

James Cave – Project Superintendent, DR
Horton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matt Perkins - IDL

Sage Pederson (Student Representative)

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:09 AM by John Schwandt

1) MINUTES

Request by Erika Eidson to alter Agenda and care of the inspection request that the two guests were present to provide comment on. Seconded by JD Reeves and approved by all.

Motion By JD Reeves to accept the meeting minutes with three minor edits. Seconded by Erika Eidson. Motion approved by all.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phil Messick- Project Manager, DR Horton provided a description of their removal request. Phil stated that the property owner had some concerns over the trees regarding their size and what looks like one has a lean towards their project at 3276 Grand Mill Lane. Phil also stated that the trees lost screening to the east due to several trees being removed from the property site previously. Phil also stated that the trees look out of place and do also not fit with the aesthetics they are looking for with their project. However their main concern is regarding safety, they are requesting to remove these trees and are planning to plant several trees in other right of way lotions abutting the property. (see inspection portion of the agenda for the committee findings)

3) FORESTERS REPORT:

See attached report.

4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:

Nick stated that the first phase of the project tied to the trailside arboretum project is near complete and that he expects the next phase of the project that includes the tree planting should begin this spring 2025.

5.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:

- UF # 24-116: 3276 Grand Mill Ln.: Two Ponderosa pine trees located. The committee decided to inspect trees in the field. Nick Goodwin performed a tree risk assessment and found one tree to be low risk with the other being moderate risk. Removal of medium risk trees approved, and low risk removal denied. Replacement tree/s required that must be native evergreens.
- UF # 24-121: 3606 Loxton loop.: Removal request of one Red maple tree, tree removal approved due to the trees condition. Replacement tree required.

6.) ADJORNMENT:

The meeting ended at 9:50 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester