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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY, 18 2021 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt (Chairman)
Rylee Strobel (student representative)
Gina Davis
Steve Bloedel (zoom)
Bruce Martinek

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Erika Eidson
Bob Hallock

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:10 A.M. by John Schwandt.

1) MINUTES

A few spelling issues were pointed out and motion made by Bruce Martinek to accept the meeting with corrections seconded by John Schwandt and approved by all.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3) Forester's report

Please see attached report.

4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS

Gina Davis asked if there was a way that the committee could start better tracking trees that the committee wants to reinspect or track for different reasons or concerns. Nick Goodwin said that through Tree Plotter they can put trees on an inspection cycle and that will give a notification on inspection intervals. Gina Davis brought up some trees on Atlas Ave near Hanley that looked like there may have been some stubs/incorrect cuts that could use inspection.

5.) MCH GRANT:

The committee started a discussion on Arbor Day although it was not on the Agenda. Nick Goodwin mentioned that after speaking with Bill Greenwood (Parks and Recreation Director), he was more inclined to hold Arbor Day at the new pocket park on east Sherman as it would be on our property. Bruce Martinek mentioned that he appreciates that but thought that this might be a great future project. Nick agreed that this could definitely be a future project or even one that could just be encouraged for the school to perform with the city's assistance and support. JD Reeves brought up that "Tree City USA" also has a "Tree Campus USA" program where NIC is recognized and are looking to expand that program to high school campuses and medical campuses. This may also be an opportunity to get involved with the local schools. Nick Goodwin mentioned that he still plans on working with the school and hoping to get classes to Arbor Day this year to assist with the planting. John Schwandt mentioned that he would still love to get pictures from the public of Arbor Day trees that have grown into mature trees. John gave an update on the tree bagging and the Arbor Day Organization of North Idaho's arbor day program of getting trees to 4th and 5th graders. Gina mentioned that she believed the MCH was going to be delivered to the Idaho Department of Lands and that the city would be storing it from there Nick said that was correct. Gina mentioned that with the training portion complete installation would be the next step.

6.) INVENTORY PROGRAM:

The committee members login in all worked and there were no real questions about the program.

7) INSPECTION REQUESTS

- 3168 N 9th St.: Stand of native trees, the owner was looking to remove all trees in right of way. The committee approved thinning of these trees and gave the Urban Forester discretion to select the trees to be removed.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:21 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester