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**URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
OCTOBER 16, 2020 8:05AM  
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Schwandt, (Chairman)  
Erika Eidson, (Vice Chairman)  
Bob Hallock via zoom  
Gina Davis  
Bruce Martinek  
JD Reeves

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester  
Bill Greenwood, Parks and Recreation  
Director

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Steve Bloedel

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 8:31 by John Schwandt seconded by Erika Eidson

**1) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 MEETING-ACTION ITEM**

Motion to accept as presented by Bruce Martinek and seconded by JD Reeves, motion approved by all.

**2) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**3) ROW VACATION DISCUSSION**

Bill Greenwood gave a brief synopsis of his discussion with the property owner and outlined how this right of way vacation has gone through the city of Coeur d'Alene. Bill mentioned that he would not be going before the city council to oppose this vacation as we need to do our due diligence regarding finding a solution at this location before it gets to council. Bill detailed the property owner's proposal and detailed how the city has been building tree wells the last few years and the success that we have had with them. Particularly in the midtown corridor and front street. The committee asked if the property owner would be willing to put a 4<sup>th</sup> street tree well on 4<sup>th</sup> street and add that on the site plan. Bill said that may be an option but we must consider the vision triangles and the additional trees on Poplar. Gina made a motion that Nick generate an email outlining final plans, 6 trees total. Wells built to spec. planting area on poplar will be a minimum of 5' wide. All trees must have adequate water. The committee wants to see a buffer zone in order to protect the right of way trees from being damaged by vehicles, all trees will be protected and retained.

#### **4) FORESTERS REPORT**

Please see the attached report.

#### **4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS**

Bill Greenwood discussed the idea of installing a decorative fence around the American chestnut trees in City Park with the committee. Bill Greenwood instructed the Urban Forester to look at doing this project with interpretive signs.

#### **5) INSPECTION REQUESTS**

- 2513 E. Thomas hill: no unless altering row recommend pruning
- 504 E Indiana: removal approved with replacement
- 922 E Mullan: tree is healthy removal denied
- 1402 E Garden: removal denied based on canopy health. Some concerns over root damage. Monitor canopy and recommend pruning to limit chance of

#### **6) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 10:52

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester