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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 21, 2021 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Bloedel
Gina Davis

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:10 by John Schwandt

1) MINUTES

Edits from John Schwandt. motion from Bob Hallock to accept the April Minutes with John Schwandt's edits, Seconded by Erika Eidson, all in favor

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

3) Forester's report

See attached

4) ARBOR DAY

Nick gave a brief update on arbor day, Nick said attendance was light and they gave away around 50 seedlings. Nick said that the arbor day celebration was primarily a walk-through event. People really didn't congregate it was more of a walk by get a seedling and gather some good info for the public. Bartlett tree service was there and they gave a was several seedlings and goodies for the kids. Over

all it was a great day with good weather and we planted 2 dawn redwood trees at the park. The goal was a small-scale event and that was achieved. JD reeves said that the NIC arbor day drive by tree event was a success and they gave away about 500 trees.

5) PROPOSED CODE CHANGED

nick laid out changes in code regarding clearing of debris from right of way locations. the committee re-worded some of the changes and was in favor of the code changes moving forward to city attorney and council.

6) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS b

Bob Hallock had some questions regarding the arboretum idea and wanted an update as he thinks we need to not ease up on this idea. Nick said that there is a proposed project abutting Beebe near the park where there will be a new trail alignment. Nick said that this was a great opportunity to partner with the contractor and a great location to start the trail side arboretum. The idea in nicks opinion is to start this and then expand both north and south from there. Erika Eidson brought up Douglas fir beetle and that IDL is planning an extensive MCH education program. John Schwandt mentioned that he took his elderly mother to CDA place and noticed the variety of trees and noted that the Kwanzan cherry trees in this location and noted severe sun scald. John thought that it may be a good idea to add a note on trees that are susceptible to sun scald. Nick said that he could do a press release regarding sun scald and deer protection with a filmed PSA as it is a big issue in our area. JD mentioned that he has had a difficult time regarding providing accurate mature sizes for trees. As it varies so much so maybe adding regional information in our street tree list.

7) INSPECTION REQUESTS

- 1015 Ironwood dr.: due to grading the committee is in favor of removal vs retention to avoid increasing risk of trees. there is an opportunity to plant large scale trees in the right of way east of the current location of the trees. possibly a native species.
- 2021 E Pennsylvania: tree found to be in good health and condition, recommend removal of some of the spruce trees surrounding. found likelihood of failure within three years to be improbable. recommend thinning. monitor tree within one yea
- Cemetery: monitor
- 3412 N 4th St: once info is submitted tree will be approved pending contractor info.
- 700 NW Blvd: removal of southern most tree due to damage and structure. pruning of the two trees to the north and contact city if any future damage is sustained.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 10:52

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester