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**URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

JULY 22, 2021 8:05AM

City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Steve Bloedel  
Gina Davis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Matt Perkins (IDL)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 8:10 A.M. by John Schwandt. Nick Goodwin brought up a last-minute addition to the inspection request list on the agenda. Two Ponderosa pine trees at 210 W. Lacrosse that have been reviewed by the committee in the past have been brought back to the committee for a second review. This Agenda item was added to the inspection request list without objection.

**1) MINUTES**

John Schwandt noted 3 small errors in the minutes. John Schwandt motioned to accept the minutes with these three corrections. Seconded by Erika Eidson, the motion was approved unanimously.

**2) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Matt Perkins gave a brief update to the group and mentioned that the state was offering a scholarship to attend the Municipal Foresters Institute in Bowling Green Ohio and encouraged anyone interested in applying. Nick Goodwin commented that he had been fortunate to receive the scholarship and attend the Municipal Foresters Institute in 2021.

**3) FORESTERS REPORT:**

Please see attached report.

**4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS**

Nick Goodwin provided an update from Bill Greenwood the Parks and Recreation director that he preferred to install fencing similar to the fence installed around the waterfall feature at McEuen park at the American Chestnut trees at City Park. This would also include installing informative signs regarding the trees. Nick also mentioned that the department is working to create an art/informative display utilizing a “cookie” from the tree known as “Big Bertha” from the Historic

Unusual and Big tree booklet that was lost in the 2021 windstorm. Erika Eidson mentioned that she knows that these are not our trees but perhaps there would be a chance to work with IDL to increase the maintenance of these trees as they are in poor shape. Erika also mentioned that there are some pest concerns regarding Larch trees Larch looper. There is also some large scale damaged on larch trees throughout the inland northwest that is being investigated as it appears to be a new/recently discovered pest.

#### **5) STREET TREE ARBORETUM:**

Nick Goodwin went over the plans for the Bear Waterfront project where the Trailside Street tree Arboretum will be installed/planted. Nick said that the plan is to purchase some sort of affordable paver and will install nameplates with the common and scientific name to the paver. This will be an affordable and easy to replicate method. Erika Eidson asked about the website portion and if it would be possible to install a link to the website on these plates. Nick said that he believes so and was considering having a QR code engraved on the plate. Matt Perkins brought up that in areas in Meridian they had used QR stickers that way if they are damaged are easy to replace. Nick said that sounded like a great idea and they have done things like that in the past. The committee was comfortable with Nick putting together a planting list and sending it to the group for review. The planting will likely not take place until spring of 2023 at the soonest.

#### **6) INSPECTION REQUESTS:**

- 720 N. A Street: Removal request of two (2) Ash trees in public right of way abutting A street. Tree removal request approved by committee due to condition and species of the trees. The Urban Forester will work with the property owner to select replacement trees and possibly utilize the Re-Leaf planting program.
- (Last Minute Addition) 210 Lacrosse Ave.: 2 ponderosa pine trees, this is the second request to remove these trees due to safety concerns by the property owner. Nick Goodwin has performed a Tree Risk Assessment and has found the trees to be low risk. One of the trees does have a large bole canker that can look concerning to the untrained eye. The Committee asked the Urban Forester to perform a second tree risk assessment. The Committee would consider approving removal of the Ponderosa pine tree with the Bole Canker if the owner would be willing to plant multiple trees in the right of way to help make up for the canopy loss. The second tree would not be approved for removal. The Committee would also recommend pruning for both trees should the owner not want to move forward with removal of the tree with the bole canker.

#### **7.) ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 9:33 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

