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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBURARY 17, 2022 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt
Steve Bloedel
Bob Hallock
Gina Davis.
JD Reeves

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Erika Eidson
Bruce Martinek

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester
Tyler Long, Urban Forestry/Trails

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:10 by John Schwandt (Charmian).

1) MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes with some minor corrections and editing by Gina Davis seconded by Bob Hallock. All in favor.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tyler Long, the new Urban Forestry/Tails full time employee introduced himself to the committee. Nick Goodwin reminded the committee that the Trails and Urban Forestry division has merged and Nick will be spending two days a week in the office/taking appointments and then working three days a week with the Urban Forestry/Tails division completing tree work.

3) FORESTERS REPORT:

See attached report.

4) ARBOR DAY:

Nick announced that after speaking with Bill Greenwood they will be holding they City Arbor Day celebration at Atlas Park. Nick said that they will be working with the same volunteer group of students from 2022 and that the Arbor Day celebration will take place 04/28/2023. John Schwandt reminded the Committee that the tree seedling bagging for the Arbor Day Organization of North Idaho will take place on April 25th at the IDL shop. J.D. Reeves updated the committee regarding North Idaho College’s Arbor Day that they will be holding an Arbor Day activity likely a tree seedling give-away similar to years past.

5) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:

Nick provided a brief update on the street tree arboretum. He is finalizing the planting plan for this project. Nick also stated that he needs to touch base with the Parks and Recreation Director regarding the protective fencing around the American Chestnut trees and that May would be a realistic month to get this project complete. Steve Bloedel asked if planting seedlings in the Fernan Natural area this spring may be possible. Nick said that should not be a problem and would look towards getting some seedlings to do something this spring.

6.) REMOVAL REQUEST DISCUSSION:

Nick said that he left this as a revolving item on the agenda. There was no update or further discussion by the committee.

7.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:

- Forest Cemetery: Large Ponderosa pine tree, concerns brought up to Urban Forester by neighbor. The committee recommended having another TRAQ qualified arborist review the tree with the Urban Forester to see if they concur with The Urban Foresters assessment. Also look at performing some load reduction pruning and continue to monitor self-correcting lean.

8.) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:19

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester