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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Schwandt (Chairman)  
Bob Hallock  
Erika Eidson (zoom)  
Riley Strobel (student representative)  
Gina Davis  
Steve Bloedel (zoom)  
Bruce Martinek

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

J.D. Reeves

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

1) **MINUTES**

Motion by Gina Davis and seconded by John Schwandt with four grammatical corrections motion approved by all.

2) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

3) **Forester's report**

Please see attached report.

4) **URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS**

Gina Davis suggested it may be time to discuss Arbor Day. Nick Goodwin stated that he had two ideas for Arbor Day this year the first being to possibly hold the event at one of our local schools and involve one or more classes in the planting. John Schwandt mentioned that there had been interest in the past from Lake City High School to plant trees as screening near the football field. Rylee Strobel mentioned that there is a science program through the school that may want to get involved and could help with providing contact information. Nick said that he also has good contact information with the school district maintenance supervisor and could touch base with them. Nick also said that his second idea was to hold Arbor Day at the new pocket park on east Sherman where several trees need to be replaced due to buck rub and look to involve some of the local classes in this as well. The committee members showed interest in both ideas. Nick said he would touch base with the Parks and Recreation director and contact some of the local schools and classes and report back to the committee in February. John Schwandt provided an update from the Arbor Day Association of North Idaho saying that they are looking to provide trees to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and may have the funds to do so. John said they are looking to schedule their tree bagging day for April 26<sup>th</sup> and are looking a few time options to try and get as many student volunteers as possible for the bagging.

**5.) MCH GRANT:**

The Library Community room is scheduled for 02/02/2022 for the Bark Beetle Public information meeting that is tied to this grant. Nick Goodwin mentioned that the team that will be speaking Gina Davis, Erika Eidson and Nick Goodwin will be working together to assign speakers and develop the agenda for this meeting after today’s Urban Forestry Committee Meeting. The meeting is currently scheduled for 5:30 – 7:00 pm and Nick will be putting out a press release to announce the meeting early next week. The meeting will also be streamed live on both You Tube and Facebook.

**6.) INVENTORY PROGRAM:**

Nick Goodwin went over the new inventory program with the Committee members showing them how to log in and how to use basic functions. Nick said he has created a login for each committee member and will email every committee member their login info and let them use the program so that we can ask specific questions to a Tree Plotter representative if needed. Nick said that he will be able to create filters so that committee members can log in and then perform inspections using the program before the meeting and it should be a great tool to streamline the inspection process and get info to the committee about trees that need inspection more quickly and more effectively.

**7) INSPECTION REQUESTS**

NONE

**10) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 10:05

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester