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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH, 18 2022 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt (Chairman)
Rylee Strobel (student representative)
Gina Davis
Erika Eidson (Zoom)
Bob Hallock (Zoom 8:16 am)

Bruce Martinek

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Daniel Broggel: 6th and Indiana

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Bloedel (zoom)

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:11 A.M. by John Schwandt.

1) MINUTES

A few spelling issues were pointed out and motion made by Bruce Martinek, seconded by Gina Davis, JD Reeves was present for the February meeting.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daniel Broggell, 521 Indiana Ave.

Daniel stated that he has lived at 521 E. Indiana Ave. for many years and is here to voice his wish to see the tree that is being considered today for removal at 603 Indiana Ave be retained. He stated that he was an Architect for many years and although he does not need to tell the committee this he must mention the many aesthetic and environmental values that this tree provides to the neighborhood and community. Mr. Broggell mentioned that there are now only two trees on that side of the street and does not understand why the contractor cannot work around this tree in order to retain it. He mentioned that some of his neighbors have also voiced their concerns regarding this tree and other trees at this lot and he really hopes the Committee will require the owner to retain this tree so that the community and the property owner themselves can reap the benefits

8) INSPECTION REQUESTS: Chairman John Schwandt asked if there is no objection that we

move the inspections up on the agenda as they are the only action item so that Bob Hallock can leave when needed. There were no objections.

- Parker Subaru 314 Clayton Ave: Owner looking to mitigate tree vs. sign conflict. The committee reviewed the request and recommended structural/restorative pruning and raising the canopy. The committee believed that these trees were the perfect example of right tree, right place and believes that their airy canopy and short leaf out time did not represent enough of a clearance issue to justify removal.
- 603 Indiana Ave: Removal request 22" DBH *Acer platanoides* tree located in ROW abutting 6th Street. The committee reviewed the request and found that the request to remove the tree was based on the request to install a walking path for a new building. The committee believed that this could be done without removal of the tree and also noted that the walking path was not shown on the plans submitted with the request. The committee asked for the forester to work with the contractor to find some creative solutions to retain this tree and to work with the engineering department on what is allowed in the right of way regarding walkways. The removal request was denied.

3) Forester's report

Please see attached report.

4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS

Nick gave a brief update on the Street tree arboretum project. Nick stated that the first phase of this project is coming to fruition and is now in the permitting phase. Nick stated that this is the first step in achieving this project goal and will keep the Committee apprised of when we reach the permitting phase on the project area and start gathering their input. Nick mentioned that the city purchased a Wood Miser mill last year and has started milling wood from downed public trees and using it to built items for city projects. Erika Eidson asked if there may be an opportunity to create slabs that could be for maybe a public auction to generate funds for the department? Nick said he would have to chat with the Parks and Recreation Director about this idea.

5.) ARBOR DAY: Nick Goodwin stated that this years Arbor Day will be Friday 04/29/2022 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. At the East Sherman pocket park and will have donuts, coffee, tree plantings and potentially a structural pruning class. Nick stated that he is working with local 4th and 5th grade students to take part in the planting. John Schwandt mentioned that the Seedling bagging will be April 26th at the IDL building.

6.) MCH GRANT:

Nick stated that the city has the chemical and it is in cold storage and he is currently planning the application and working with a couple volunteers. Nick said he would start putting out the street tree bubble packs out in mid-April and then would plan a project on Tubbs hill to follow. Erika mentioned a training at Farragut National Park that is planned and see if they can fit in any city staff so that they can get some training on MCH application.

7.) INVENTORY PROGRAM:

Nick said that he is looking at setting up a workshop with the tree plotter rep after arbor day sometime in May.

9) ADJOURNMENT: Erika closed the meeting by announcing that IDL has hired a new State Urban Forestry Coordinator, Matthew Perkins who will be based in Boise.

The meeting ended at 10:11 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester