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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2021 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt, (Chairman)
Gina Davis
JD Reeves
Erika Eidson via zoom
J.D. Reeves
Bruce Martinek
Bob Hallock

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Bloedel

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michael Beaudoin, IDL

Jacob Caggiano, Tree Plotter

Aiden Smith, Tree plotter

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:07 by John Schwandt, John Schwandt motioned to have the Tree plotter representative's presentation moved up to the first agenda item for the sake of their time.

1) PRESENTATION FROM TREE PLOTTER REPRESENTATIVE

Jacob Caggiano and Aiden Smith from tree plotter went over the current tree plotter program used by the city and went over the benefits that would come from moving away from the state tree plotter program to having our own account. This would give the city the opportunity to have more control and filters in their tree plotter program. Things like work order programs, tree risk assessment qualification inspection integrated, email alerts etc. The committee overall felt that this seemed like an interesting way to integrate everything into one program. The committee asked that the Urban Forester look into costs and explore the benefits with tree plotter.

2) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2021 MEETING-ACTION ITEM

Motion to approve minutes by Gina Davis with minor corrections, seconded by John Schwandt, motion carried by all.

3) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Beaudoin gave a brief update regarding a grant program for MCH application for public

Douglas fir trees in CDA. Nick said that he would get with Michael after the meeting to discuss this. Michael gave a brief update and stated that the City of CDA is once again been awarded as Tree City USA for the 37th year and he or Garth Davis will be on site at the City Arbor Day celebration to present the Award.

4) FORESTERS REPORT

See attached report.

5) ARBOR DAY 2021 UPDATE

Nick Goodwin stated that Arbor Day 2021 will take place at McEuen Park on Saturday 05/01/2021. The intent is to keep the celebration small scale and relatively short and simple. Staff will be planting two Dawn redwood trees near the tennis courts and coffee and donuts will be available for attendees.

Tree information will be provided and Bartlett Tree Care will be on site with an information booth seedling will also be given to the public with other prizes for kids. Nick will also be releasing the Arbor day at home 2021 celebration on for may with the hopes of getting some nice tree stories over the month of May.

6) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS

Nick went over the trail location for the street tree trail side Arboretum idea and discussed the logistics of planting trees along the trail with affordable plaques. There would be possible additions to the street tree arboretum at different locations throughout the city.

7) PUBLIC COMMUNICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

Nick went over the process when an Urban Forestry report is filed. Nick outlined courtesy notices, Urban Forestry file forms, inspection result letters, urban forestry committee inspection results, cost share maintenance program applications, cost share maintenance program response letters and violation notices. Nick also outlined the current inventory program and the city work order program and how work orders are issued to staff arborists.

Gina Davis mentioned that it seems like there are several documents and letters that are sent and definitely does see value in exploring the Tree Plotter program options to see if things could be streamlined using the inventory program.

Erika Eidson echoed Gina's comments and mentioned that having flaggable trees through the work order program and possibly reports attached through the inventory program may be possible and would also help streamline the communication process.

8) INSPECTION REQUESTS

- 1015 IRONWOOD DR.: The committee inspected the tree and requested more information regarding the extent of root damaged would take place during the proposed project at the location. Nick said he would reach out to the owner and report back to the committee.

- 1296 W CENTENNIAL DR.: The committee inspected the trees and found them to be in fair condition but removal was approved due to the size of the planting space and the desire to plant larger scale trees in this location. Also, the clearance pruning required would result in over pruning to the tree canopies.

9) SITE WALK FOR POSSIBLE TRAIL SIDE STREET TREE ARBORETUM

Site walk cancelled by the chairman as the committee was in favor of the proposed site.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 10:52

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester