

(DRAFT)
URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2022 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt
Bruce Martinek
Bob Hallock
JD Reeves

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Matt Perkins, IDL Urban Forestry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Bloedel
Gina Davis.
Erika Eidson

CALL TO ORDER:

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

1) MINUTES

Motion by Bob Hallock seconded by JD Reeves to accept the March meeting minutes with two grammatical corrections. All in favor.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Perkins wanted to make the board aware that there is now an opportunity for Idaho communities including CDA to apply for Urban Forestry specific grants through the American Rescue plan. Nick asked a few questions regarding different projects and if they would qualify for the grant. Matt Perkins shared some information regarding the grant as well as some maps of areas in CDA that are applicable.

3) FORESTERS REPORT:

See attached report.

4) ARBOR DAY:

Nick Goodwin gave an Arbor Day update mentioning that an Arbor Day press release went out this week. Nick said that City of CDA Urban Forestry is working with the Ramsey Magnet program to have about 30 kids attend to help plant 6 trees at Atlas Park. They will also have donuts and coffee/juice to all the attendees. The city will be giving away seedlings as well as a couple of larger

scale trees. Nick asked that anyone that can attend please does as he is hoping to have leaders for every group of kids at each tree. JD reeves mentioned that NIC is holding its seedling give away on Saturday 04/29 and will be pushing off the NIC “big’ Arbor Day celebration for next year and will be working with New Leaf Nursery on that.

5) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:

Nick said that he has been very focused on Arbor Day but plans on getting the fencing done around the American Chestnut trees this year and plans to do so before the winter. Nick also said that a new property owner has purchased the US Bank property against Seltice and will be installing trail at this site. This will give the opportunity to expand the trailside Arboretum.

6.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:

- 801 E Gilbert: removal request of two (2) Ponderosa pine trees. One (1) approved for removal due to utility conflict. One denied and tree required to be retained.
- 1016 E. Pennsylvania Ave: removal request one (1) horse chestnut tree. Removal approved due to its condition and spacing issues.
- 3606 Loxton loop: removal request one (1) Pear tree. Tree removal approved due to severe surface rooting issue with limited mitigation options.

7.) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:07 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester