

(DRAFT)
URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 19TH 2024 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gina Davis
Bob Hallock
JD Reeves
Erika Eidson

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Gil Peirce (CDA Place HOA
Representative)
Matt Perkins (IDL)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce Martinek
Steve Bloedel
John Schwandt
Sage Pederson (Student Representative)

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:10 AM by Erika Eidson

1) MINUTES

Motion By Erika Eidson to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Gina Davis.
Motion approved by all.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Perkins gave a brief update regarding some grant opportunities that may be available to assist with Black Walnut removal due to the Walnut Twig Beetle issue in CDA. There are some stipulations regarding areas of town where this would be applicable so that would need to be reviewed by Nick Goodwin if it is applicable to areas of town where there are large populations of black walnut. Matt mentioned that there may be an opportunity to have walnut wood from these trees utilized via the urban wood network.

3) FORESTERS REPORT:

See attached report.

4) CDA PLACE TREES:

Gil Peirce, representing the CDA Place HOA was invited to the meeting to take part in this discussion. Nick Goodwin filled Gil in on some issues in CDA Place regarding wrong tree/wrong

place situations throughout the subdivision. Nick brought up a specific issue with a single tree where the city has interest in installing a bridging technique to save a tree from removal and using this as a “pilot project” or work “example area” for residents that may have similar difficulties with their Right-Of-Way Trees. Nick also mentioned that there are several issues with certain trees in the subdivision and that the Urban Forestry Committee wants to make sure to have an open line of communication with the HOA and work to meet mutual goals and hopes the HOA can help with neighborhood communication. Gil gave a brief update on the HOA’s efforts to manage the neighborhood trees. Gil stated that they are open to this project but wants to make things practical and keep an open mind to removals when necessary. Erika Eidson brought up that the goal is to work with homeowners and also keep their goals in mind while providing solutions. Gina Davis mentioned the committee wants to help with providing education to homeowners through the HOA on solutions and upcoming issues. Nick asked if there is any opportunity to attend the next HOA meeting to provide some information. Gil said they are happy to help with neighborhood communication if the City can provide information on programs and solutions to him to share via email and their website. Gil said he would invite next to the next board meeting and then hopefully have him at the next all member meeting.

5) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:

Nick Goodwin shared that he is working with the City Water Department to plant approximately 20 assorted fruit tree varieties at their shop to create a public orchard. The trees will be planted in spring and he hopes to hold Arbor Day programs and fruit pruning classes there in the future. Bob Hallock asked about the fence installation around the American Chestnut trees. Nick said that the metal order was delayed which will now delay the metal fabrication. This will end up having to be an early fall project however he plans to get it done early fall. Erika Eidson said that she has some into that she will work to get to the City as it appears the City has a “Moon Sycamore” planted somewhere and was awarded for planting a tree with seeds that had been to the moon at some point. Bob asked if we could possibly provide signage around the American Chestnut trees this summer even if we don’t have the fence installed. Nick said he would get with Monte McCully at the Parks department to see if that is possible. Nick provided an update on the trail side arboretum. The project will break ground soon and Nick hopes to see planting in the fall. JD Reeves mentioned that there is an area of trail at North Idaho College that may be developed.

6.) ARBOR DAY 2024:

Nick provided an update regarding Arbor Day program and that everything is in place. Arbor Day will take place at Atas Park on April 26th and that approximately 20 students from Ramsey Magnet School will be working with our crews to plant 6 trees including a 10’ tall bristle cone pine tree that is being relocated from local resident Bonnie Warkwick’s property. Nick provided an update regarding the tree bagging that was on Tuesday April 18th where 2384 seedlings were bagged to be given out to 4th grade students and for Arbor Day celebrations.

7.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:

None.

8.) ADJORNMENT:

The meeting ended at 9:51 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester