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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL, 15 2021 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Matt Perkins IDL

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Bloedel
J.D. Reeves

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:20 A.M. by John Schwandt.

1) MINUTES

A few spelling issues were pointed out and motion made by Bruce Martinek to accept the meeting with corrections seconded by Gina Davis and approved by all.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Perkins the new sate Urban Forestry Coordinator from the Idaho Department of Lands attended the meeting via zoom and introduced himself to the committee members. Matt gave a brief description of his background and vision for the program.

3) Forester's report

Please see attached report.

4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS

John Schwandt asked if there was any update regarding the street tree arboretum project. Nick Goodwin stated that he expects the permit application for the project tied to the Arboretum

should be in soon and at that point he would bring the plans to the committee for review. Nick said that the last set of plans showed the requested trees on the conceptual drawings.

5.) ARBOR DAY 2022:

Nick Goodwin stated that Arbor Day is planned for Friday 05/29/2022 at the East Sherman Pocket Park. Nick said that the Arbor Day Press release will come out the weekend before Arbor Day. Nick mentioned that he will be attending the April 19th City Council meeting where he would be accepting the Arbor Day Proclamation and asked that if any Urban Forestry Committee members were able to attend, they would be very welcome and appreciated. Nick stated that they will be planting 5 trees at the pocket park and will have around 30 kids to take part in the planting from the Ramsey Elementary Magnet program. John Schwandt talked about the April 26th Arbor Day seedling bagging. John said that the tree bagging will be moved to an alternate shop this year at the IDL offices this year is more to the west than the usual location. He also said that they have a large number of volunteers this year in particular from the local high schools. John said that they are expecting at least 70 students to take part in the bagging. John encouraged anyone who could attend to please be there.

6.) MCH GRANT:

Erika Eidson and Gina Davis asked what the progress was on putting out bubble caps and mentioned that the window to get them up is getting tight. Nick said that he will be getting caps up next week and plan on going until he gets all of the public Douglass fir trees treated. Nick also said that he has been in communication with the Tubbs hill foundation and will be getting trees on Tubbs hill treated the week after Arbor Day.

7.) INVENTORY PROGRAM:

Nick mentioned that he will be looking to hold a separate workshop including some members of city staff as well as urban forestry committee members regarding the inventory program in the summer.

8) INSPECTION REQUESTS

NONE

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester