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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 17, 2020 8:05AM

City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt, (Chairman) via zoom
Erika Eidson, (Vice Chairman)
Bob Hallock via zoom (came in at 8:09 am)
JD Reeves
Gina Davis

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce Martinek

Steve Bloedel

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting Called to order at 8:05 by Chairman John Schwandt. Nick Goodwin asked to have item #3 removed from the

1) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2020 MEETING-ACTION ITEM

Motion to approve by Bob Hallock and seconded by John Schwandt. Motion passed unanimously approved by the committee.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Schwandt mentioned

3) FORESTERS REPORT

Please see the attached report.

5) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS

John Schwandt asked about funding for the proposed tree crew tree care crew and if there has been anything proposed in the upcoming city budget. Nick Goodwin said that there is one position that was added to the parks 2020 budget but it is designated for a position to help with managing the maintenance at the new Atlas Park. With the opening of the new park and some budget constraints due to COVID-19 the city did not have the room in the budget to add a full-time position to the Urban Forestry division. Nick said he will continue to ask for positions every budget cycle but it will ultimately up to the Director, Administration and City Council if the positions are added into future budgets. Nick Said he is still exploring ideas regarding some sort of street tree maintenance fee and is

planning to make this more of a project this winter. Gina Davis asked about tussock moth and maybe getting an informative press release. Erika mentioned she may be able to help with getting tussock moth information out Nick said he would be able to write up a press release regarding tussock moth if they can provide a synopsis of their info

6) INSPECTION REQUESTS

- 306 W Emma: Removal/Transplant request large Silver maple: The Committee found this not to be a good candidate for transplanting and recommended pruning to mitigate site issues.
- 1802 N 4th Street: Removal request large Norway maple tree: Not enough information committee asked to have the controller submit a site plan offer several mitigation options.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 10:15 am. Site inspections followed the meeting in the field.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester