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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 17TH, 2025 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

John Schwandt
Bob Hallock
Bruce Martinek
Gina Davis
Steve Bloedel
Gabriel Hynes (Student Representative)

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ken Roberg-CDA resident

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Erika Eidson
JD Reeves

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:15 AM by John Schwandt

1) MINUTES

Two spelling corrections noted by Gina Davis and John Schwandt

Motion to approve November 15th, 2024, minutes with two minor corrections by Gina Davis, seconded by Steve Bloedel all in favor

2) RE -APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- John Schwandt: motion to recommend John Schwandt for re-appointment made by Bruce Martinek and seconded by Gina Davis motion approved by all. John Schwandt accepted the re-appointment nomination.
- Steve Bloedel: motion to recommend Steve Bloedel for re-appointment made by Bruce Martinek and seconded by Gina Davis motion approved by all. Steve Bloedel accepted the re-appointment nomination.
- JD Reeves: motion to recommend JD Reeves for re-appointment made by Bruce Martinek and seconded by Gina Davis motion approved by all. JD Reeves was not present to accept the nomination.

3) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Roberg, former owner of specialty tree service, asked about several trees in the downtown core and 4th street corridor that have been removed and was here to ask about when they would be replaced and if we had ideas on types of species for replacement.

Nick Goodwin responded to the questions stating that there are several trees in the downtown core and 4th street corridor that have been removed after they died, plans are to replace all these trees in early spring. Nick said he is coordinating with the street department and will be selecting replacement species in the next few weeks as stock lists from the nurseries become available.

4) COMMITTEE MEETING DATE DISCUSSION:

Chairman John Schwandt asked for some clarification on this Agenda item. Nick Goodwin explained that this was added to the agenda as a discussion item as Committee member Erika Eidson had mentioned that the Friday 8:05 AM meeting time may no longer work for her schedule. If she is to stay on the committee the meeting day and time may need to be changed. Nick stated that he would need to check the specifics regarding changing the meeting dates with the city to make sure the proper process is followed. Chairman John Schwandt asked if Nick could reach out to Erika via email to gather some options that may work for her so that the committee can explore those options together, He stated that the current meeting date is not set in stone, and they could look at some options. Gina Davis mentioned that keeping it earlier in the day is convenient for her but is willing to look at options. Steve Bloedel agreed with Gina Davis. Steve mentioned that if not early in the day an evening after the workday may be best. Nick closed with saying he would reach out to Erika and follow up with the committee with some options.

5) FORESTERS REPORT:

See the attached report.

6) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:

Nick stated that he is looking to complete the installation of signs and chain fence at the American chestnut trees at City Park in early spring

7) ARBOR DAY

Nick Goodwin presented two ideas for this year's Arbor Day celebration. Nick asked the Committee if they would like to continue performing a planting with local 4th/5th grade classes as the city has had in the last 3 years? The two ideas presented were to continue planting trees at Atlas Park with a tree give away and donuts/coffee. Or to perform replacement tree planting at Persons Field as the street trees at this location died last winter. The committee liked both ideas and asked the Urban Forester to consult with the Parks and Recreation Director on which to proceed with.

8.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:

None

9.) ADJORNMENT:

The meeting ended at 9:50 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester