

**(DRAFT)**  
**URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023 8:05AM  
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Hallock  
Erika Eidson  
JD Reeves  
Steve Bloedel

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Matt Perkins \_IDL

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

John Schwandt  
Bruce Martinek  
Gina Davis.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 8:24 by Bruce Martinek (Acting as Chairman)

**1) MINUTES**

Bruce Martinek pointed out two typos in the June 2023 minutes, Motion by Erika Eidson to accept minutes with the three minor corrections. Seconded by JD Reeves all in favor.

**2) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Matt Perkins gave the committee a brief update regarding a Certified Arborist Workshop that is being coordinated by IDL. This is a free workshop that is intended to prepare people to take the Arborist Certification test. Matt hopes that this can be a yearly training and is excited to host this in September.

**3) FORESTERS REPORT:**

See attached report.

**4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:**

Nick gave a brief update on plans to install single chain fencing around the American Chestnut trees at City Park. He stated that the plans are underway to get the material ready over the winter and then install in the spring and then mulching the area. Nick gave a brief update on the street tree arboretum project. This project is tied to a construction project near Riverstone Park and will likely not be complete until this project is near completion. This is likely a year out or more. Erika Eidson asked

about a clearing project near the trail that was mentioned in a previous meeting, Nick explained the area that they will be thinning is north of Riverstone on the trail and they have plans to perform this work in the coming months. Erika mentioned it may be a great opportunity to involve volunteers. Erika stated that she would still love to have some input on selecting trees and creating a guide for them. Nick said that is the plan and will continue to work with the committee over the winter as this project gets closer to breaking ground. Steve Bloedel gave a brief update on the Veterans centennial fuel mitigation work, he said that the dry weather has delayed things for a bit but they are planning on performing the work in September once the weather is more cooperative, he said they do have a hard deadline date in November.

#### **6.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:**

- 3087 Versailles: Ash tree removal request: this request to remove was denied due to the tree's good health and condition. Pruning was recommended to mitigate clearance issues and to help the trees structure.
- 1119 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St: Choke cherry tree removal request: This removal request was approved due to the health and condition of the tree as well as some of the nuisance factors regarding Choke Cherry trees.
- 4119 N. Mt. Carroll: Ash Tree removal request: removal request denied due to the tree's fair health and condition. Pruning was recommended to mitigate some of the deadwood at the base of the canopy.

#### **7.) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 9:34 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester