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URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2020 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt, (Chairman) via zoom
Erika Eidson, (Vice Chairman)
Gina Davis
Bruce Martinek
Bob Hallock via zoom (came in at 8:45 am)

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Bloedel

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:10 am by Chairman, John Schwandt.

1) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2020 MEETING-ACTION ITEM

Gina Davis noted a few grammatical errors and motioned to accept the meeting minutes with those corrections. Erika Eidson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3) UF MEMBER APPLICANT VOTE:

Motion by John Schwandt to approve J.D. Reeves appointment to the Urban Forestry committee, the motions was seconded by Gina Davis. Motion unanimously approved by the committee. John Schwandt asked if he would be appointed at the next Council meeting and Nick confirmed that would be the case.

4) FORESTERS REPORT

Please see the attached report.

5) ARBOR DAY 2020: PHOTO AND STORY JUDGING

Nick Goodwin went over the 5 submissions that were submitted by the public with the committee. After looking over each submission and took into consideration the guidelines of the photo contest, the committee would like to give all applicants the prize as they thought all submissions were great. With only 5 submissions Nick said he would take this into consideration and touch base with the

director. The committee chose the submission “Home, Family, Growth and Love” as the over all winner based on the criteria of the contest. Tree Specimen quality, Photo Quality and Story Quality.

6) URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN

Nick Goodwin stated that he is still waiting on the Parks Master Plan update which will have the Urban Forestry Plan as an appendix incorporated into the plan. Nick said that he would be sending the updated parks master plan with the incorporated Urban Forestry Plan to the committee for review as soon as it is sent to him.

7) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS

Gina Davis asked about the comments in the Foresters Report regarding communicating ordinance with real estate agents and recommended getting in touch with the Association of Realtors or possibly the Chamber of Commerce, as this may be the best way to get this information out to real estate agents on a broad scale. Nick said he would look into this and that he actually will be speaking at an upcoming Chamber of Commerce meeting where he will have an opportunity to work on the goal of educating real estate agents on Urban Forestry information for their buyers.

8) INSPECTION REQUESTS

- 1625 E. Hastings Ave.: Public *Crabapple spp.* Removal request: The committee inspected the tree and found it to be in decline and not establishing well. Removal approved.
- 501 W. Spokane Ave.: Public *Acer platanoides* Removal Request: Tree found to be in good health although it has some moderate structural issues. Removal Denied.
- 3702 E. Sky Harbor Drive: Finalize decision on removal request of 5 Austrian pine trees: Committee confirmed the approval of 3 of the 5 Austrian pine trees. Replacement trees required.

9) ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester