

(DRAFT)
URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 20TH 2023 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Schwandt
Bob Hallock
JD Reeves
Gina Davis.
Erika Eidson

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Bloedel
Bruce Martinek

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:14 AM by John Schwandt

1) MINUTES

Motion by JD Reeves to accept the draft meeting minutes with two minor spelling correction.
Seconded by Gina Davis. All in favor.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3) FORESTERS REPORT:

See attached report.

4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:

Nick Goodwin provided a brief update on the project that is tied to the street tree Arboretum. The site work for the beginning phases of the project have begun. Nick will continue the to update the committee as this project moves forward. He stated that he believes the sitework that would include tree planting should begin in the spring. Nick also mentioned that he will be working with parks staff to begin building material for the fencing project idea around the American Chestnut trees at City Park over the winter with plans to install this spring/summer. Erika Eidson mentioned that the newer condos near the library have several trees that are still staked and could be girdled if they remain. Gina Davis provided an update that the USFS has added a new Urban and Community Forestry Program assistant who will be staring very soon. She mentioned she may invite them to attend our next meeting. JD Reeves asked for an update on the Walnut twig beetle/thousand canker disease in

CDA. Nick Goodwin mentioned that there are several trees in the area that are in the process of being removed and that he will plan to work with Erika Eidson and Gina Davis for an accurate press release to provide info and guidance to residents. He also mentioned this may need a specific management plan to handle this issue. Nick also informed the committee that there have been several Norway maple trees in the downtown area that died very suddenly and is concerned that there may be a verticillium wilt issue in the area. Urban forestry will have to do some further inspection in the spring to confirm this and act accordingly.

5.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:

- 7464 N. Barbie: Removal request two Hawthorn trees: Removal approved due to conditions of trees,
- 1351 Westminster Ave: Removal request River birch tree: Removal denied as trees was in fair condition. Committee offered alternate mitigation options.
- 2012 Canyon Dr.: Removal request Ponderosa pine tree: Tree removal approved due to its condition and risk level.
- 268 Hanley Ave.: Removal request/non permitted removal two Cherry trees: The committee approved removal of the requested tree due to its condition and provided options regarding compensation for the tree that was removed without a permit.
- 6986 W. Cornwall St.: Removal request one Ash tree: Removal approved due to species and root issues at site.
- 6998 N. Cornwall St.: Removal request one Ash tree: Removal approved due to species, site/utility conflicts and the size of the planting space being too small to accommodate this tree in the future.

6.) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:48 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester