

**URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE NOTES**

MAY 17 2019 8:05AM

City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 5

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Keith Jones, Chairman  
John Schwandt, Vice Chairman  
Erika Eidson (phoned in)  
Bob Hallock

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Glenn Truscott  
Steve Bloedel  
Bruce Martinek

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting started at 8:10am.

**1) MINUTES**

Keith Jones motioned to approve April meeting minutes seconded by John Schwandt and unanimously approved.

**2) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3) COORDINATOR’S REPORT**

Please see attached report.

**4) ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION REVIEW**

Nick Goodwin gave an overview of this year’s Arbor Day celebration John Schwandt mentioned that he thought the turnout was good considering the weather and that the lunch was well received. Keith Jones asked about next season and the possibility of the street fair idea at hawks nest subdivision. Nick Goodwin mentioned that this idea was still in the works and would require significant planning and fund raising by the hawks nest HOA to come to fruition but will keep it as an agenda discussion for next year’s Arbor Day celebration.

**5) URBAN FORESTRY MEMBER APPLICANT VOTE - ACTION ITEM**

Nick Goodwin mentioned that Gina Davis had been present at the April meeting and asked if the

group had any other questions before voting. Keith Jones asked about the status of Emma Richardson's application, Nick Goodwin stated that Emma Richardson had withdrawn her application for personal reasons. John Schwandt motioned to recommend Gina Davis for appointment to the Urban Forestry Committee. The committee voted unanimously in favor of appointment.

#### **6) URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN**

Keith Jones asked for an update on the status of the master plan. Nick Goodwin said that he will have an updated plan for review by the end of the month and will also bring an updated plan for review at the June meeting.

#### **7) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS**

John Schwandt said that he had walked Tubbs hill with members of the Tubbs Hill foundation. The group reviewed the Tubbs Hill management plan and discussed ways to meet some of the goals of the plan. John Schwandt mentioned that the foundation is interested in seeing extensive work on the hill. John Schwandt asked about having some of the VIP pruners do some dwarf mistletoe pruning on some of the younger ponderosa pine on the hill. Nick Goodwin mentioned that he had brought this project to the VIP pruners and over all they were not enthusiastic about this project due to the nature of the work, most of the pruners are retired and would like to keep to pruning in parks and small street trees. Nick Goodwin said that he has been talking to the fire department and that there are some agencies that are volunteering to do a burn on the hill later this year; the parks department is looking into possibly contracting some work on the hill this fall. Nick then mentioned that he is looking to plant a significant amount of seedlings this fall as well.

#### **8) INSPECTION REQUESTS**

- 424 E Foster: Removal of maple tree in right of way was approved if necessary to perform sidewalk replacement, the committee recommends retaining two northern red oak trees in right of way and deviating sidewalk.
- 7464 Barbie Street: removal denied based on trees being in good health, offer left over re leaf CDA trees to fill other street tree locations in the public right of way if she is interested in planting.
- 210 W Lacrosse: tree was found to be in good health the committee recommended pruning to mitigate controller concerns
- 1102 E Ash Ave: Removal of Maple tree approved based on utility conflict.
- 701 E Front Ave: the committee recommended monitoring trees health and recommended pruning once northern flicker has left tree.
- 710 E Mullan Ave: committee recommended monitoring trees health as new growth is present.

#### **9) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 10:00 am. Field inspections followed adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester