

(DRAFT)
URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 19TH 2024 8:05AM
City Hall – City Hall Conference Room 6

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gina Davis
Bob Hallock
JD Reeves
Erika Eidson
Steve Bloedel

STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester

GUESTS PRESENT:

Matt Perkins (IDL)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce Martinek
John Schwandt
Sage Pederson (Student Representative)

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 8:17 AM by John Schwandt

1) MINUTES

Motion By Gina Davis to accept the meeting minutes with three minor edits. Seconded by J.D. Reeves. Motion approved by all.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3) FORESTERS REPORT:

See attached report.

4) URBAN FORESTRY PROJECT IDEAS:

Erika Eidson asked if The Northsire dog park would be a good site to put some Emerald ash borer traps up to which Nick said that would be the perfect location. Nick mentioned that they are getting close to moving on to the site work for the area where the street tree arboretum will take place. Nick said he would continue to keep the Committee apprised of where they are on this project with a likely date spring of fall/2025. Nick gave an update that he has asked for a proof for the American Chestnut trees signs, once they come in, he will send them out to the committee for review.

6.) ARBOR DAY 2024:

Nick provided an update regarding Arbor Day. Stating that the event went really well and wishes to continue with a similar program next year involving more schools. There may be an opportunity to hold a future celebration at the new “orchard” at the water department facility with a fruit pruning class. Gina Davis mentioned there may be an opportunity to involve the street tree arboretum next year if it is complete or near complete. JD reeves mentioned that the NIC event went well other than the attendance could have been better. He mentioned that he will look to find opportunities for public notice next season to try to get the word out. John Schwandt wanted to look to have past tree plantings photographs from the 4th grade seedlings for next season.

7.) INSPECTION REQUESTS:

- UF # 24-21: 743 Government way: removal request, the committee recommended removal of deadwood and then continue to monitor the tree, removal denied.
- UF # 24-12: 825 Park Ave: 7 Ponderosa pine tree removal request, the homeowner believed that the trees may have a beetle infestation. The committee found no evidence of beetle infestation. Removal denied.
- UF # 24-16: 501 Honey locust removal request. Tree found to be in good health and condition. Clearance and structural pruning recommended. Treatment with Ethephon to reduce seed pod growth as this was a concern of the homeowner. Removal denied.

8.) ADJORNMENT:

The meeting ended at 9:44 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Goodwin, Urban Forester