



Tree Board

~ Meeting Minutes ~



Wednesday, February 6, 2013 • 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Pam Fernald; Sean Clark, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor; Al Torrico, Senior Planner;

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

The current vacancy is being advertised.

STAFF COORDINATOR: Roger Chouinard, Parks Operations Supervisor

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes dated October 29, 2012 were approved as written. One clarification was that it is now the Planning Division of the Community and Economic Development Department.

Old Business:

- Tree planting of smaller caliper trees for future development. - It was determined that this would remain a placeholder until we determine what other cities do and rationally compare nursery grown costs compared to moving established trees.
- Future grant application opportunities, tree inventory. - Agreed to leave this as a placeholder as well and continue to look for creative ways of funding future inventories.
- Start application process for KCD (King Conservation District) dollars for 2013. - Roger gave an update on the details for this grant opportunity.
- Planning Division involvement on this Board. - Change future references to reflect that it will be Planning Division of CED (Community & Economic Development Department).
- Labor grant availability for removal of invasive plants in the urban forest. - Roger reported that this opportunity had caveats attached that included development of an ongoing maintenance plan that we were unable to commit to.
- Tree Board Annual Report to City Council. - This was completed at the first December City Council meeting.

New Business:

- Ideas for 2013 Arbor Day event. - Ideas were discussed at length.
- Tree planting areas or projects. - McMicken Heights Park and RC car track were mentioned as possible areas.

- McMicken Heights Park - Tyee student project. – Came to a consensus that this project is a good choice. Discussed event details and agreed to assign a date for a mid week event. Will begin to promote the event once the date is set. Discussed ideas for handouts giveaways, etc. We will exchange information via e-mail for date of event and future ideas.
- Tree City application and growth award status. - Roger reported that DNR (Department of Natural Resources) had stated all looks good for both Tree City certification and our 2nd annual growth award.
- Audubon Society - Ivy removal project at North SeaTac Park. - This event is for invasive plant removals in North SeaTac Park south. Councilmember Fernald asked to be included in the project.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.