



Tree Board

~ Meeting Minutes ~



Thursday, March 17, 2011 • 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daryl Tapio, Citizen Representative; Sean Clark, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor; Jack Dodge, Principal Planner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Pam Fernald

STAFF COORDINATOR: Roger Chouinard, Parks Operations Supervisor

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes dated November 22, 2010 were approved as written.

Tree City 2011 Application:

- Discussed progress of the Tree City Application for 2011. Noted that the application has been submitted and has been reviewed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and has been forwarded to Tree City USA for approval.

Old Business:

- Status of 2011 DNR Grant ~ Grant has been approved by DNR, the City must still sign a contract and present to City Council for acceptance of the grant dollars.
- Comprehensive Public Tree Maintenance Plan ~ Changes have been made as suggested by Tree Board members. This plan was submitted as part of the DNR grant application.
- Tree Board Member Terms ~ Tabled for now. To be discussed at another meeting when there is full attendance.
- Citizen interest in ivy removal ~ Explained that Claire Hendrickson has been actively removing ivy from trees in the 55 acre parcel and adjoining City properties. Kit Ledbetter, Parks & Recreation Director has met with Claire to discuss her efforts.
- Status of windshield tree counts, specific locations ~ Roger stated that Public Works vegetation crew had completed the tree count based on a windshield count and review of construction documents. The count includes International Boulevard, S. 188th Street and S. 154th Street. Also provided information that Parks staff has done a count at Valley Ridge Park.

New Business:

- Ideas for 2011 Arbor Day Event ~ Discussed the possibility of an Ivy Out event as opposed to a tree planting. Roger provided information about the Neighbors Without Borders group being interested in helping. Roger also stated that it would be too late to get a commitment from DNR and that if the Mayor read a proclamation at the start of the event it would qualify as our Tree City obligation for 2011.
- Ivy Out ~ Discussed the area for the event as being the woods to the west of the SeaTac Community Center.
- Tree Planting ~ Roger has six trees to install at the rockery work to the east of the Japanese garden. This will replace the three trees removed at the beginning of that project.

- Daryl suggested that the City consider planting trees of smaller caliper for use in future City projects. This idea needs to be discussed further to determine cost savings compared to current practice of buying trees in accordance with Planning Department standards for public projects. Daryl also had an idea to plant smaller caliper trees in some of the City open spaces. Roger asked Daryl to look at some specific areas and suggested a few areas in the City. Ideas Roger suggested are the Hughes Property frontage, the North SeaTac Park meadow at Des Moines Memorial Drive and S. 136th Street, and City property at McMicken Heights Park. Jack will provide details of the land trade between the City and Highline Water District to Daryl.
- Tree Consultants ~ Jack will forward a list of certified arborists and tree consultants that the Planning Department has used in the past to Roger.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.