



# Tree Board

## ~ Meeting Minutes ~



Wednesday, March 23, 2016 • 10:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald; Councilmember Kathryn Campbell; Sean Clark, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor; Al Torrico, Senior Planner; Kathleen Brave, Citizen Representative; Aaron Wiseman, Public Works Maintenance Worker 2

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Councilmember Kathryn Campbell

**STAFF COORDINATOR:** Mike Fitzpatrick, Parks Operations Manager

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**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes dated March 25, 2015 were approved as written.

### Old Business:

- Tree Board Annual Report to City Council ~ Deputy Mayor Fernald asked Mike to give a report to the City Council. Mike will get on the Council agenda upon approval.
- Deputy Mayor Fernald asked about locations of “Tree City” signs. Sean said they by City Hall, S. 188<sup>th</sup> St. and on Des Moines Memorial Drive.
- Deputy Mayor Fernald explained how the Tree Board was formed.
- Councilmember Campbell asked about grants. Mike said he has not pursued grants at this time.
- Mike spoke about the Washington Conservation Corps crew and that they were housed at the shop for a couple of years. They left this spring.
- Deputy Mayor Fernald asked about the bike group in North SeaTac Park doing more clearing. Mike said they are expanding trails around Tub Lake.
- Deputy Mayor Fernald asked about a group Cass Turnbull (Plant Amnesty) who would like to prune trees. Mike will call Cass to check her availability.
- Small Caliper Trees ~ No plan to change code. It was brought up previously by former Tree Board member Daryl Tapio.
- Landscape Professional ~ Aaron spoke how we could bring someone in and help in making a suggested tree planting list that looks like what we have but is better for us. Deputy Mayor Fernald asked if Aaron could create lists.

### New Business

- Street Tree Planting Overview ~ Al Torrico said that urban area trees help calm traffic patterns. Aaron mentioned that Florendo Cabudol, City Engineer said that street trees make pedestrians feel more comfortable. Deputy Mayor Fernald asked if birds are considered when trees are planted. Discussed street trees along International Blvd. Deputy Mayor Fernald inquired about a tree planting plan. Aaron explained the fall planting schedule. He explained that some street trees will not be replaced due to poor planting locations such as repeated car vs. tree accident areas.

- Arbor Day Event ~ The Arbor Day event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Five Bowhall Maples will be planted at the corner of S. 136<sup>th</sup> St. and Des Moines Memorial Drive. Mike will reach out to the Radisson Hotel to see if they would like to participate in the event.
- Tree City USA ~ We received the Tree City Award and the materials are here. We did not apply for the Growth Award this year but will in the future.
- Tree planting areas or projects. ~ A new hotel is being developed on the property just south of Angle Lake Park. Ninety eight trees will be removed and will be replaced with 97 new trees. Using trees to line slopes along trails.
- Native Plant Internship Update ~ The group is scheduled to come back in April to continue work at North SeaTac Park.
- Homeless Encampments ~ Mike said he spoke with Clemens Barrabas, Parks Operations Lead today and there are no known camps at this time.
- Received a complaint about fruit from fruit trees on S. 166<sup>th</sup> St. & 40<sup>th</sup> Ave S. ~ Heidi Skinner, Code Compliance Program Coordinator is looking into this.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.