

Tree Board ~ Meeting Minutes ~



Thursday, February 2, 2012 • 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Pam Fernald; Sean Clark, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Daryl Tapio, Citizen Representative

STAFF COORDINATOR: Roger Chouinard, Parks Operations Supervisor

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes dated November 17, 2011 were approved as written.

Status of next segment of public tree inventory, specific locations (Selected public rights-of-way and North SeaTac Park:

- Roger provided Board with an update on the internship program through University of Washington GIS Department. The progress so far includes providing planting plans and aerial photos to the interns and basic instruction about what the City would want back as far as GPS locations and tree canopy information.
- Councilmember Fernald inquired about some trees on 24th Avenue South near the Boeing Spares buildings. It appears these are an example of private public space trees. Such trees would be omitted from any inventory or canopy studies.
- Councilperson Fernald discussed the City going to Study Sessions rather than Committees and asked Roger to speak with Parks Director Kit Ledbetter about the GIS interns presenting their project at a future Study Session.

Tree planting of smaller caliper trees for future development:

We tabled the topic until a future meeting that Daryl Tapio would be able to be present.

Tree City Application

New Business:

2011 Tree City Application ~ Roger updated the Board on the status of the application and the possibility of including a growth award certification.

Ideas for 2012 Arbor Day Event

• Ivy Out ~ Councilmember Fernald mentioned that the Neighbors Without Borders Action Committee may be interested in directing their efforts to the ivy out instead of the south woods cleanup at North SeaTac Park. With proper tools, instruction and public outreach, this event could be more successful. Roger mentioned that he could check into the possibility of getting the events into the Parks & Recreation brochure and the SeaTac Report. Councilmember Fernald mentioned advertising in the Highline Times and SeaTac Blog, and placing signage in the North SeaTac Park south woods. Roger will also ask the Disc Golf and RC track communities to be involved.

- Discussed the coordination of these advertising efforts.
- Tree Lighting ~ Roger mentioned the Parks proposal to move the Tree Lighting to the Community Center for 2012. This would involve planting a substantial tree centered in banquet room windows that could be used for a permanent ceremony tree.

Additional item: In regards to the Ivy Out Roger mentioned an environmental use for the ivy rolls could be erosion control.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.