

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 22, 2013 – 4:15 pm
Cravath Lakefront Room – 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Citizens are invited to speak to agenda items as they appear on the agenda. There is a 3 minute limit on these comments.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Considerations:

1. Approval of Agenda – Items can be removed but not added to the agenda
2. Approval of minutes for Oct. 23, 2012 and Dec. 4, 2012.
3. Discussion and possible action on ideas for possible educational programming to create awareness of Emerald Ash Borer treatment options among private homeowners.
(McCulloch, members and staff)
4. Discussion and approval of site plan for Treyton’s Field of Dreams project.
5. Discussion with Downtown Whitewater representatives and possible recommendation regarding Whitewater downtown streetscape as it relates to Urban Forestry.
6. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the ability for the UFC to view and provide feedback on landscape plans prior to the Planning and Architectural Review commission plan review. (Coburn)
7. Possible action related to changing the meeting time of the Urban Forestry Commission

Board Reports:

Planning and Architectural Board (Coburn)	No items submitted
Parks and Recreation Board Report (Knedler)	No items submitted

Staff Reports:

City Forester (Nass) Tree cuts/pruning/other maintenance or construction related updates

Hearing of Citizen Comments:

No formal action will be taken during this meeting, although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Participants are allowed a 3 minute speaking period.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2013

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MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Chair Tiiu Gray-Fow. A quorum was present.
2. PRESENT: Karen McCullouch, Karen Coburn, Beverly Stone, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Jay Craggs (arrived at 4:30 p.m.) and Brandon Knedler (arrived at 4:30 p.m.) ABSENT: Andrew Crone. STAFF: Chuck Nass, City Forester and Matt Amundson, Park and Recreation Director. GUEST: Richard Ehrenberg, Richard Helmick and James Hartwick.
3. Approval of Agenda was introduced by Stone and seconded by Gray Fow. Approved animously.
4. Moved by Coburn and seconded by Stone to approve the minutes of September 4, 2012. Moved by McCulloch and seconded by Coburn to approve the minutes of September 25, 2012. Both sets of minutes approved.
5. Citizen Comments: None.
6. Coburn presented the 3 options for EAB infestation which came from the Emerald Ash Borer Ad Hoc Committee. Nass corrected wording of ash trees 4" or smaller and measuring 6 inches off the ground, on the documentation that Coburn presented. After a treatment is determined, it will go to the Park and Recreation Board for approval. Lengthy discussion regarding the exact role of the Ad Hoc Committee versus the UFC and who makes the decisions/changes. The council will hear all three options but the UFC can recommend one. City Clerk, Michele Smith dropped in to explain the procedure with these options. She stated it was clarified by the Park and Recreation Board by Matt Amundson's (Park and Recreation Director) recollection, that the 3 options by the Ad Hoc Committee to go to the UFC and Park and Recreation Board and Council. The UFC can make recommendations but not change any of the 3 options and all 3 will go to Council and Council will make the final decision. Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the exact change of council and options to present. Knedler asked for clarification regarding option 1 and the dollar budgeted. Gray-Fow explained what the City Manager told her regarding the budget. The \$5,000 in Park and Rec. budget will remain there. \$5,000 ot under the Park and Rec. which is called the Forestry 250 fund and additional money strictly used for Emerald Ash Borer will be available. Gray-Fow stated they have support by many people and it the city manager said money will be found. Ehrenburg raised concerns about the removal of 74 trees, saying they should be left to succumb. Nass explained the smaller trees are not recommended for treatment. The longer they are there, the harder it will be to replace. There is money available for 108 spring tree plantings. The treatment for this EAB is every four years.
7. Nass stated the cost of treatment varies by the size of the tree. Gray-Fow stated the EAB mitigation is not coming out of the Park and Recreation budget. Nass stated the sooner they can start treating the 303 trees, the better. The price is not going to go down. McCulloch stated the DNR has a grant program that will match funds up to \$25,000 to municipalities that have a program in place. Unfortunately, the 2013 deadline has passed but they could work on the one for 2014. Cragg moved and Stone seconded to recommend option 1. Discussion regarding option 2 followed. Gray-Fow thought they should discuss 2 other options. Cost of option 2 would be

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estimated at well over \$100,000. Motion to accept the 3 options by the Urban Forestry Commission by McCulloch and seconded by Stone. Approved unanimously. Stone moved and Cragg seconded to recommend option 1. AYES: McCulloch, Stone, Knedler, Gray-Fow, Coburn, Craggs. NOES: None.

8. Planning and Architectural Board Report (Coburn) Nothing to report.
9. Parks and Recreation Board Report (Knedler) Stated the board had similar discussion regarding treatments for the Emerald Ash Borer and options.
10. Nass reported Milwaukee Street is coming to a close. New planting in spring from project. Islands have sod and plantings put in spring. Tree guards were asked to be put on 3 trees in damage zone.
11. Citizen Comments: Richard Ehrenberg requested that several trees be relocated due to possible or perceived mis-location due to overhead wires. McCulloch asked for a preliminary tree order prepared for tree selection. Nass explained the Blue Beech trees that could grow to be 30-40' with a spread of 20" so these will not be planted on Main St. Nass reaffirmed this with Tim Flood of Baileys Nursery. McCulloch questioned some area trees without guards and that they might need them. The locations were on 2nd street near Ketterhagen which Nass stated they can do that. The second location was on North St by the Armory. Nass stated that one was too large for a tree guard.
12. Coburn moved and Stone seconded to have the UFC meeting on November 27, 2012 and to cancel the December meeting. Passed unanimously.
13. Coburn moved and Stone seconded to adjourn. Pass unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McCulloch, Secretary

Whitewater Urban forestry Commission Meeting (postponed from November 27, 2012)

December 4, 2012, 4:15 p.m.
Cravath Lakefront room
Whitewater Municipal Building

Meeting called to order at 4:20 p. m. by chair, Tiiu Gray-Fow

Roll call:

Members present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Andrew Crone, Brandon Knedler, Karen Coburn

Members absent: Karen McCullough, Jay Craggs, Bev Stone

Staff: Bran Neumeister

Citizens: Roy Nosek, Richard Ehrenberg, Bruce Parker

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Coburn and seconded by Knedler, Passed

Reports_____

City Forester (Neumeister)

EAB: \$18,000 to \$20,000 allocated by City Council for addressing treatment, tree removal, and plantings. Neumeister and another staff member will be trained to administer the pesticide. The Forestry Dept. will be examining trees to determine which should be treated or removed.

Tree Selection and Planting: Some stumps were removed. There will be NW Quadrant pruning during Jan/Feb. Coburn brought up the small trees (Blue Beech) planted on Main St. and asked if it were possible for them to be replaced with large larger canopy species. Tiiu requested that Neumeister ask Nass about this. Nosek asked that the City Forester look into the lack of trees in front of the University Marquee on Main St.. 15 years ago, the manager of the Fine Arts Complex didn't want trees obscuring the announcements. Crone believed that different managers were there now and might not object. It was discussed that thought by all that planting 2 trees in the spring might be possible. Nosek suggested that input from the Electric Co. would be helpful when ordering. Ehrenberg said that Cathedral Elms were susceptible to Dutch Elm disease and the Princeton American Elm could be used in it's place. Real American Elms are more resistant. Nosek requested that we plant more American Lindens.

Parks and Recreation (Knedler)

Parks and Recreation requested that the UFC create an EAB educational plan for private homeowners which would include general information, identification, and possible treatments. Citizens would also be informed about which terrace trees will be treated or cut down. They may choose to adopt a terrace tree and pay for injection treatments if the tree is on the city cut list. An outline of the plan will be brought before the Park and Rec meeting and presented to the Council to pass. Gray-Fow wondered if that procedure would be necessary Knedler will

inquire about that. Ehrenberg offered to help . coburn mentioned that James Hartwick had asked her to review some videos for inclusion with the information.

Planning and Architectural Review Board Report (Coburn)

Coburn asked that the Plan Board review landscaping for duplexes as well as for larger buildings. She also requested a study of pervious surfaces for driveway parking lots. Tiiu suggested that pervious surface information be added to the UFC Guidelines.

Coburn asked if all UFC members had a copy of the city's landscape ordinances.

Possible agenda items for Jan. 22, 2012 will include: Joint meeting with David Saalsaa on downtown trees as part of the downtown streetscape, the EAB information for citizens, and an overview of Treyton's Field of Dreams.

Move to adjourn by Coburn. Seconded by Crone. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Coburn, Acting Secretary.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Coburn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Memo

To: Urban Forestry Commission
From: Matt Amundson, Parks and Recreation Director
Date: January 16, 2013
Re: Treyton's Field of Dreams

I have included for your review a site plan dated 10-5-2012 prepared by Strand. Although this is not the final plan, it is a black and white document that most clearly identifies the trees impacted by the project. The numbering of the trees on this plan corresponds with the numbers in an attachment prepared by the City Forester, Chuck Nass, regarding the condition of the impacted trees. The plan indicates 13 trees that need to be removed and 9 trees that need to be relocated.

Chuck has also identified an additional tree that needs to be removed and is identified on his listing as Number 14. Of the 14 removals Chuck has identified 9 of the trees as in poor shape and one that he feels can be relocated and not removed. In summary the project will relocate 10 existing trees, remove 9 trees identified in poor condition, and remove 4 trees in good condition of which two are ash trees.

In addition to review of the site plan I would like to ask that the Urban Forestry Commission to provide input on the quantity, type, and location of trees to be planted as part of the project. It would be my goal to plant 2-3 trees for every tree that we have to remove. This would be approximately 25-40 trees planted within Starin Park.

Your consideration of these matters is greatly appreciated.

Thanks!
Matt Amundson,
Parks & Recreation Director

Treyton's Field of Dreams

Removals

1. Elm poor multi leader
2. Maple good try to move with spade
3. Silver Maple ok some die back
4. Walnut poor multi leader
5. Chinese Elm poor lots of dead branches
6. Walnut good
7. Norway Maple poor multi leader
8. Silver Maple poor multi leader
9. Green Ash good
10. Maple poor split in trunk no leader hangers
11. Maple poor no leader
12. Maple poor split in trunk
13. Ash good
14. Norway Maple poor multi leader dead center split needs removal

Save/Relocate

1. Maple 17 inch bad under power lines
2. Oak good
3. Oak good
4. Oak good
5. Oak Excellent
6. Ash ok
7. Ash ok
8. Hackberry Good
9. Ginnalla Good



