

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 24, 2013 – 4:30 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 August 27, 2013.
3. Downtown Design Committee –UFC liaison update. (City Forester Nass, Gray-Fow).
4. Bird City application process (City Forester Nass, McCulloch).

Action item:

Election of vice-chair for the UFC.

Board Reports:

Planning and Architectural Board – Landscaping (Coburn).

Parks and Recreation Board - Design Alliance, did any of the Treyton Field changes by CC affect tree planting? (Knedler).

UFC minutes – website, update: citizen comment

Staff Reports:

City Forester (Nass)

*General tree cuts/pruning/maintenance/ construction related updates/planting updates (including East Main St. tree replanting, numbers), Milwaukee Street tree plantings from Newcomb St. to round about – does south side 4” terrace include gutter or is it just terrace?

Tree guards.

Some new E. Milwaukee St. trees appear to have died. Causes? What is the situation elsewhere? What can be done next spring to reduce such a large die-off of newly planted trees? How have the transplanted trees done?

Bus tour around Whitewater highlighting of urban forestry issues (weather permitting).

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, October 22, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, August 27, 2013**

Call to order by Chair Gray-Fow

Roll call:

Members present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Karen Coburn, Bev Stone, Karen McCulloch

Staff: Chuck Nass,

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by McCulloch to approve the agenda. Second by Coburn
Unanimous approval

Crone arrives at this point in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2013 meeting:

Motion by Coburn to approve the agenda. Second by Gray-Fow
Approval by Gray-Fow, Stone, Coburn and McCulloch

Vice-Chair:

Motion to establish vice-chair for the UFC by Gray-Fow. Seconded by McCulloch.
Unanimous approval.

Motion to Nominate Coburn in a new position of vice-chair by Gray-Fow.
Second McCulloch. No other nominations submitted.

Nass stated he was not sure if we could actually vote for a nominee since voting was not specified in the agenda or if we could only discuss the possibility of a new position.

Election of vice-chair postponed until September 24th meeting.

Design Committee street scape plan:

Nass stated that the Downtown Whitewater grant application listed Urban Forestry Committee on the application, but he hasn't heard anything and does not think it is a viable project for that grant. Nass will be a member of their design committee. He will be the liason from UFC and be a voting member reporting back to the UFC.

Nass discuss plans with the UFC to look at city's tree farm and stroll downtown for a September or October meeting.

Participation in the downtown design committee:

According to Nass, nothing is happening at this time with the downtown, but since there is currently no action, then maybe it might be a good time for joint meeting. Nass stated he will let the UFC know when or if there are any new ideas being floated by Downtown Whitewater.

Bird City:

Nass received email stating that new round for Bird City applications will begin in November. We plan to submit application for that. Nass asked McCulloch to ask Bird City for specific submission details. Nass had problem sending email previously.

Board Reports:

Plan and architectural: Coburn was not at the last meeting.

Park and Rec:

No changes to the new baseball field affected the UFC. Coburn discussed pervious pavements, but Crone added all extra parking lot space runoff is going to a retention pond. Nass added that existing parking space will also create less storm water runoff as they will be tied to the new retention ponds.

UFC Minutes:

Gray-Fow stated that Allen Lucket said everything was supposed to be going on website. Gray-Fow will wait to see if he asks for anything else from us. Gray-Fow also inquired about more direct web access to UFC data rather than through parks and rec. Nass suggested that the staff and resources are tight right now.

Tree cuts:

A letter was received by Gray-Fow about why east main trees were taken down. Nass said they were either in the way for construction, or were ash or damaged prior to construction. New trees will be planted in the spring.

This years pruning will be Main to Walworth , and Janesville up to Elizabeth streets. No new planting will occur this fall. Coburn stated that trees at Salisbury, Hyer, Twelfth and Yoder are missing many tree guards as of yesterday.

Future Agenda Items:

Nass Suggested that next meeting we could take a ride to the tree farm and talk about downtown.

Move to adjourn:

Motion by Stone to adjourn. Second by Coburn.
Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:
Andrew Crone