

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2012 – 4:15 p.m.
Cravath Lakefront Room – 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review and Approval of Minutes for November 15, 2011 and December 20, 2011 (Special Meeting)
5. Citizen Comments: No formal action will be taken during this meeting, although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a 3 minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time, however, citizens are invited to speak to those issues as designated on the agenda.
6. Planning and Architectural Review Commission Board – none
7. Park and Recreational Board Report – Effect of Parks and Recreation Board change of meeting dates on UFC
8. E. Milwaukee Street Construction update (Nass)
 - a. Projected terrace tree removal numbers now that most sidewalks will not be disturbed or replaced due to City Council action.
 - b. Pedestrian safety island design – possible native plants rather than just raised concrete (As on Starin Road)
9. Criteria for removal of tree guards – is it addressed in Management Standards?
10. Educational feature for UFC members: Continued consideration of desirable terrace tree species for planting in Whitewater – possible recommendation changes to annually updated list of Recommended Trees in City of Whitewater Urban Forestry Management Standards.
11. Overview of Native Tree species as recommendations (Guest Expert Ehrenberg)
12. Proposed tree cuts and pruning
13. Adjourn

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Whitewater Municipal Building
Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Tiiu Gray-Fow at 4:28 pm.

Attendance: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Jay Craggs, Andrew Crone, Karen Coburn, Bev Stone (4:35), Jen Kaina (5:17)
Staff: Chuck Nass, Latisha Birkeland, Matt Amundson
Guests: Richard Ehrenberg, Roy Nosek

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Karen Coburn, seconded by Jay Craggs. The agenda was passed by a voice vote of 4-0 (Gray-Fow, Craggs, Crone, Coburn)

The minutes were amended to clarify that a request was made for Roy Nosek to send his thoughts and pictures to the Urban Forestry Commission prior to the next meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 Urban Forestry Commission meeting was made by Karen Coburn and seconded by Andrew Crone.

As a citizen comment, Roy Nosek raised concerns regarding tree guards being removed in his neighborhood and not installed on trees along Whitewater Street.

The process of placing landscape plans for review by the Urban Forestry Commission was discussed with Latisha Birkeland, newly appointed Neighborhood Services Manager / Planner . It was moved by Karen Coburn that the Neighborhood Services Manager / City Planner , Latisha Birkeland, share plans at her discretion with the Urban Forestry Commission in a timely fashion so that comments from the Urban Forestry Commission can be included in her report to the Plan Commission. The motion was seconded by Bev Stone. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote of 5-0. (Gray-Fow, Craggs, Crone, Coburn, Stone)

An update was provided on the expansion of 804/808/818 Walworth Avenue.

A brief update was given on Treyton's Field of Dreams progress.

A motion was made by Bev Stone to approve the Emerald Ash Borer Policy Action Plan for Preserving Selected Ash Trees. Jay Craggs seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a 4-0 voice vote (Stone, Craggs, Gray-Fow, Crone).

Chuck Nass shared plans for 2012 annual planting list which highlights resident requests, replacements, and plans for additional trees to be planted in the SW Quadrant of the City.

Chuck Nass provided information on the present tree availability list from contacted nurseries. Discussion ensued regarding the photographic examples of additional tree species that might be desirable choices for planting as terrace trees. Dr. Roy Nosek provided the photos and suggested that we recommend to the City Forester that more of them be added to the present tree order. If that couldn't be done, there was consensus that the item could be discussed at more length at future meetings, especially since some of the trees are already being ordered. Andrew Crone raised concerns related to ensuring that we are encouraging native varieties of trees, trees native to Southeast Wisconsin. Jay Craggs stated that this group should also factor in allergen levels in the future planting plans. Richard Ehrenberg shared that he has a listing of native trees.

Chuck Nass reported that there are no items on the current tree cut list.

Bev Stone moved to change Urban Forestry Commission meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month. Seconded by Karen Coburn. A unanimous voice vote of 6-0 passes the motion.

It was determined that due to the holidays, no December meeting will be scheduled unless an issue arises that requires a meeting in December.

Jay Craggs moved to adjourn, seconded by Jen Kaina. A unanimous voice vote passed the motion, 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Amundson

Matt Amundson, CPRP
Parks & Recreation Director

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**URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

December 20, 2011

DRAFT Minutes

The meeting was called to order by chair, Tiiu Gray-Fow at 4:15 p.m. Members present: Andrew Crone, Karen Coburn, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Karen McCulloch, Beverly Stone. A quorum being present. Members absent: Jay Craggs, Park and Recreation Board representative. Staff present: Chuck Nass, City Forester and Dean Fischer, Director of Public Works.

Special meeting was called to discuss reconstruction of Milwaukee Street and the possible effects on existing trees and replanting trees.

Dean Fischer explained the project and the possible expansion of the sidewalk area from the current 4 foot width to a 5 foot width.

After considerable discussion by Board members and the consensus that green sustainability and beautification of a main thoroughfare into the City, Karen Coburn moved and Karen McCulloch seconded that the Urban Forestry Commission recommend to the City Council that the width of the sidewalk area remain at 4 feet. Roll call vote. AYES: Karen Coburn, Karen McCulloch, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Beverly Stone. NOES: Andrew Crone. ABSENT: Jay Craggs. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Coburn, seconded by Andrew Crone. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stone, Secretary

TREES NATIVE TO WHITEWATER

40 Species

Hardiness Zone 5

• Tamarack	Latix laricina
Northern Whitecedar	Thuja occidentalis
Eastern Redcedar	Juniperus virginiana
Black Willow	Salix nigra
Quaking Aspen	Populus tremuloides
Bigtooth Aspen	Populus grandidentata
Eastern Cottonwood	Populus deltoides
Black Walnut	Juglans nigra
• Butternut	Juglans cinerea
Shagbark Hickory	Carya ovata
Bitternut Hickory	Carya cordiformis
American Hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana
American Hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana
Red Oak	Quercus borealis
Black Oak	Quercus velutina
Shingle Oak	Quercus imbricaria
White Oak	Quercus alba
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor
Chinquapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii
American Elm	Ulmus americana
Rock Elm	Ulmus thomasii
Slippery Elm	Ulmus rubra
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis
Red Mulberry	Morus rubra
Hawthorn	Crataegus (sp.)
Wild Black Cherry	Prunus serotina
Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioica
Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthus
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum
Black Maple	Acer nigrum
Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum
Red Maple	Acer rubrum
Mountain Maple	Acer spicatum
Boxelder	Acer negundo
American Linden (Basswood)	Tilia americana
White Ash	Fraxinus americana
Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Black Ash	Fraxinus nigra
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis

• SPECIES NOT SUITABLE FOR STREET OR PARK USE

Design With
Nature in Mind

Richard
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