

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. Tiu 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.