

CITY OF WHITWATER  
13h URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday April 19, 2011 - 4:15 p.m.  
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building  
312 Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

City Manager's  
OFFICE

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by chair - Tiiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Tom Miller, Beverly Stone, Karen McCulloch, Prudence Negley. Wyatt Welter has resigned. Staff present - Chuck Nass. Visitors - Roy Nosek. A quorum of four members is required to conduct business.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION by Miller with second by McCulloch to approve minutes. Unanimous approval.
3. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: MOTION by Miller with second by McCulloch to approve minutes of March 15, 2011. Unanimously approved.
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.
5. PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REPORT: Our representative from the P&ARC shall inform the UFC chair of agenda items. The UFC will also check with Jane Wagner regarding agenda items for the P&ARC.
6. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Our representative from the P&RB shall inform the chair of the UFC regarding agenda items for the P&RB. The chair of the UFC shall also check with Matt Amundson regarding P&RB agenda items.
7. URBAN FORESTRY TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY: The document will be submitted to the Parks And Recreation Board for their review at the May meeting. One change in the document is to note that new development in the city is assessed 2% for planting public trees. The cost for each new tree planted at Waters Edge North was \$225.00. MOTION by Negley with a second by McCulloch to approve the change. Motion carried unanimously.
8. EMERALD ASH BORER: Nass and Ehrenberg will work together to add to the EAB MANAGEMENT PLAN, a section on how to treat public and private trees in order to save as many of our city trees as possible. The Common Council included the following comments regarding a plan for saving Ash trees.
  1. Provide a proactive plan for saving ash trees.
  2. Provide a plan for steps to take when EAB gets within 15 miles of Whitewater.
  3. Consider an "adopt a tree" program in which citizens can participate.
  4. Provide all property owners with information on how to save their trees and / or provide a citywide contract with a private company to treat private sector trees. Consider training our city staff to treat private sector trees as well as the public trees.
  5. Since the urban forestry actually includes private sector trees and since treating only public sector trees will not stop or slow down the infestation, we need to look at the whole picture.
9. IDEAS FOR EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC: We discussed leaving the name tags for newly planted trees, on the trees, so that people are informed as to the species and cultivars planted. The tree planting crew will be tagging all the bundled bareroot trees. The larger trees already have tags on each one. Tags could simply be left in place. Nass will decide.

10. Nass has been notifying all property owners, by mail, who will be having a street tree planted in front of their property this spring. The information regarding planting and care of newly planted trees, which we approved at our March 15, 2011 meeting, accompanies the mailing.

11. ARBOR DAY: will be observed on Saturday, May 4, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at the new technology building.

12. TREE CUT LIST / SPRING PRUNING: Spring pruning is done. Spring planting will probably start the first week of May. The Geology Dept. at UW-W arranged for the donation of 650 small hardwood and evergreen trees to the city. They will be planted on "make a difference day" at the Marshall Farm. Roy Nosek pointed out that a large number of maple trees on West Main street are in the process of dying and suggested we begin, this year, to plant some new trees which will eventually replace the declining ones. No terrace trees will be cut down to accomodated the extension of Starin Road to the east. No street trees will be cut down for reconstruction of the two North Street bridges.

13. ADJOURN: MOTION by Miller with a second by Stone to adjourn. motion carried by unanimous approval. NEXT MEETING - May 17, 2011

Secretary - Richard Ehrenberg