

CITY OF WHITEWATER
URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 21st, 4:15pm
CRAVATH LAKEFRONT ROOM – 2ND FLOOR, CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING.
WHITEWATER, WI 53190

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by Chair – Tiiu Gray-Fow. Members present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Karen Coburn, Prudence Negley, Karen McCulloch, Andrew Krohn, Jay Craggs. Members Absent: Beverly Stone. Staff Present: Chuck Nass, Matt Amundson. A quorum of four members is needed to conduct business.
2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER: Jay Craggs.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Negley to move agenda item #11 to #6. Seconded by Coburn. No discussion. Agenda is approved unanimously.
4. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: Motion by Negley to approve April 19 minutes. Second by McCulloch. Approved unanimously. Krohn motions to table May 10 minutes until July meeting. Negley seconds. Unanimously approved.
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.
6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM: McCulloch introduced an idea for future discussion. She spoke of The Center for Resilient Cities, a Wisconsin based non-profit group, which works with citizens, non-profits and government partners to create healthy, high quality environments. In an effort to promote green sustenance in Whitewater, McCulloch offered to make contact with this group to learn how they may be of assistance in helping create a more sustainable future for our citizens.
7. PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REPORT: Amundson announced the approval of the Prince Street Project. Negley expressed concern regarding miscommunications involving the timeline of approval of such items. Coburn described the trees that were to be removed in the construction of the project.
8. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT:

- a. Amundson spoke of the Effigy Mounds Preserve Project's final draft, and pending final approval on July 11. A detailed discussion followed regarding the historic importance and ecological value the Effigy Mounds Preserve maintains. The restoration and upkeep of vital and significant features such as the Oak Savannah, a revised trail, an interpretative center and a border mound were discussed as well. Nass explained the restoration process and the maintenance that must accompany the Preserve. Negley requested that items should come to UFC before they are approved. McCulloch moved to support the Effigy Mounds Preserve Project as being consistent with UFC's Green Sustainability Plan. Craggs seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Amundson presented on the development of Treyton's Field of Dreams, and a lengthy discussion followed regarding tree retention, available green space, accessible shade, storm water runoff, and parking lot design. Although the overall sentiment regarding the project was overwhelmingly positive, substantive concern was expressed about maintaining the ecological aspects of the existing site.
9. STAFF REPORT: Nass addressed dying and damaged trees. Several trees on Main Street will be taken down and replanted. Several terrace trees were showing signs of problems. The damage due to recent storms was minimal. Nass announced that Urban Management will be on City Council's Agenda for July.
10. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA: Next meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 4:15pm. Agenda:
- a. Treyton's Field of Dreams
 - b. Field trips
 - c. Members can request additional items by contacting the chairperson.

MOTION by McCulloch to adjourn, seconded by Craggs.

Submitted by the Secretary Pro Tem
Karen McCulloch