

CITY OF WHITEWATER
1st URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010 - 4:00pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

APPROVED MINUTES

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS:** Chuck Nass called the mtg. to order and had everyone introduce themselves.
Members present: Peter Disley, Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Beverly Stone, David Stone, Tom Miller, Wyatt Welter arrived at 4:45pm. City Staff: Kevin Brunner Matt Amundson, Chuck Nass. Public person: Mariann Scott.
- 2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND SECRETARY:** After Wyatt Welter arrived a second round of nominations and voting took place since the initial voting for both offices resulted in tie voting. David Stone nominated Tom Miller for chair with a second by Beverly Stone. Richard Ehrenberg nominated Tiiu Gay-Fow for chair with a second by Peter Disley. Voting for Tiiu Gray-Fow was Peter Disley, Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gay-Fow, and Wyatt Welter. Voting for Tom Miller was Tom Miller, Beverly Stone and David Stone. David Stone nominated Richard Ehrenberg for secretary with a second by Peter Disley. Tom Miller nominated David Stone for secretary with a second by Beverly Stone. Voting for Richard Ehrenberg was Peter Disley, Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow and Wyatt Welter. Voting for David Stone was Tom Miller, Beverly Stone and David Stone.
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Mariann Scott requested / invited members of the UFC to participated in and offer their time and expertise for a work day to be held at the Mounds Park , Friday April 23, 2010. Contact Matt Amundson to offer services. Removal of some trees may occur.
- 4. REVIEW OF URBAN FORESTRY ORDINANCE:** Kevin Brunner reminded us that we are and advisory committee to the Parks and Recreation Board. Attached is a copy of the Urban Forestry Commission Ordinance 2.52.090, No. 1752A. We did not review it.
- 5. GUIDELINES:** Kevin Brunner distributed "Ground Rules" for how we relate to one another as we conduct our meetings. (see Attached) The process of how we deal with issues is very important and that we need to live with whatever decisions are made by the majority. Any information which is important to the UFC must be shared with all members. Letters and E-mails to members become legal, public documents subject to open records law. All sessions are open to the public. **MOTION** by Beverly Stone and second by David Stone to adopt the "Ground Rules. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 6. RELATIONSHIP TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD:** Policies which are created by or approved by the UFC or changes made by the UFC to existing policies will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Board. The P&RB will then do a review. A decision will be made as to whether the policies will be forwarded to the city Council as is or with changes. The P&RB will work with the UCF in reaching an agreement on final policy drafts. The P&RB always take items to the City Council on the 3rd Tuesday of the month The P&RB representative -David Stone- will be the primary contact and conduit for information between the UFC and the P&RB. Minutes of the UFC will go onto the city web site after final approval by the UFC.
- 7. NATURAL LAWNS ORDINANCE:** No one knew the meaning of "natural Lawns". There is no native grass that is used in southeastern Wisconsin for lawns. There is no reference in the city of Whitewater "weeds and grass ordinance" chapter 7.22 to native grasses. Chuck Nass will check further with the city attorney. Tom Miller will check with Prairie Village. David Stone

and Richard Ehrenberg will research the subject further.

8. 2010 OBJECTIVES FOR THE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION: Chuck Nass will bring the three existing tree care documents used by the old Tree Commission. They will be reviewed and updated for the purpose of requesting approval by the P&RB and the City Council. The Documents are; 1) City Street Trees ordinance Chapter 12.24 including amendments from 12-19-2006, 2) Forestry Guide and Specifications Manual, 3) Terrace Tree Protection Zone. Richard Ehrenberg passed out a list of 10 agenda items the UFC should be addressing as soon as possible. (see attached page). Chuck Nass will send out by next week a list of the trees ordered for spring planting. MOTION by Beverly Stone and second by Wyatt Welter to hold our meetings to one and a half hour time periods. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA: Next mtg. April 13, 2010 at 4:00pm. Meeting will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm. Emergencies mtgs. can be called.

AGENDA....1) Spring planting plan for the early part of May.
2) Review existing city trees ordinance and tree care documents.
3) Emerald Ash Borer.
4) Natural lawns.
5) Arbor day.
6) Members can request additional items by contacting the chairperson.

MOTION by David Stone and second by Wyatt Welter to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by the secretary
Richard Ehrenberg

