

CITY OF WHITEWATER
5th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, July 13, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI

APPROVED DRAFT - MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL. Meeting called to order by chair - Tiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Richard Ehrenberg, Tiu Gray-Fow, Prudence Negley, Beverly Stone. Members absent - Tom Miller, Wyatt Welter. Staff present - Chuck Nass. Peter Disley has resigned. A quorum of four members is still required to conduct business. An audio recording was made of the meeting with everyone's agreement.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA by consensus.
3. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING will be reviewed at the next meeting since the secretary did not distribute the draft copy prior to this meeting.
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.
5. PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REPORT. None.
6. PARK AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT. Negley reported to the P&RB what had been accomplished at the first work session on establishing policies for urban forestry and residential landscaping. The P&RB expressed hope that these policies would be completed by the end of summer. The P&RB has acquired two acres of woodland near Starin Park which will be kept natural and used for storm water collection.
7. WORK SESSION REPORT. Gray-Fow reported that the first work session held on July 6, 2010 was very productive, where 2/3 of the time was spent on landscape policy and 1/3 was spent on urban forestry policy. Those present were Ehrenberg, Gray-Fow, Nass, Negley and Parker. Gray-Fow read a "summary of Goals" which is being used for the work sessions. (see attached).
8. LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE. It is agreed that the 50% rule will determine whether a property owner needs to have a landscape plan reviewed, whereby a simple, not-to-scale plan be reviewed by a panel of 3 to 5 people. A review would be done to address concerns related to drainage, traffic visibility, and maintenance. It is the feeling of the commission that we should not tell people what kind of landscaping they must have on their own property. The policies from the work session were reviewed with no one in opposition.
9. URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN. Tree planting policies from the working session were reviewed and finalized. Nass will find out if the policies we review shall be submitted to our city attorney prior to submission to the Park and Recreation Board.
10. STAFF REPORT. None.
11. ADJOURNED MEETING at 5:45 p.m. with a motion by Stone and a second by ?.

Next mtg. is August 10, 2010. Next work session is August 3, 2010.

secretary - Richard Ehrenberg