

CITY OF WHITEWATER
6th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, August 10, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

APPROVED-DRAFT - MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by chair - Tiiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Prudence Negley, Beverly Stone. Members absent - Tom Miller, Wyatt Welter. Staff present - Chuck Nass. A quorum of four members are needed to conduct business.
 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Negley with second by Stone to approve the agenda. AYES - unanimous.
 3. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: MOTION by Negley and second by Ehrenberg to approve minutes of June 8, 2010. AYES - unanimous. A change was requested for the July 13, 2010, minutes which will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.
 5. PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL BOARD REPORT: None.
 6. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT Negley spoke of the 'lakes study report' to the board. We discussed the pros and cons of our involvement with the lakes since we have responsibility for environmental issues related to vegetation.
 7. WORK SESSION REPORT: Those present at the last work session of August 3, 2010, were Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Chuck Nass, Prudence Negley, Beverly Stone and Bruce Parker. The "Yard Management Ordinance" was substantially completed with a final review to be done today.
 8. YARD MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE: Final changes and corrections were made on the draft from the work session. Gray-Fow and Negley will meet with Kevin Brunner to request the ordinance be "legalized" by the city attorney, after which we shall have another review of the document before it is presented the Parks and Recreation Board by Negley and Nass.
 9. STAFF REPORT: A plan for addressing the problem of Emerald Ash Bore is in process. Ash trees on city property have been marked with small red tags.
 10. ADJOURNED MTG. with a MOTION by Stone and second by Negley. AYES - unanimous.
- NEXT MEETING: to be on September 21, 2010. This is a change from the regular 2nd Tuesday of the month. The UFC work session to address the tree and shrub ordinance will be on September 16, 2010, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Secretary - Richard Ehrenberg

CITY OF WHITEWATER
5th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, July 13, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
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APPROVED DRAFT - MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL. Meeting called to order by chair - Tiiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu 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