

# URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

November 14, 2018

Members Present: Kristin Sobatka, James Crowe, Tom Sontag, Mary Harvey, Dianne Benjamin, Barbara Chicherio, and Jeff Hales.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Tom Sontag.

Disposition of Sept 12 minutes; Jeff asked for a spelling correction, Mary motioned to accept with corrections, Kristin second, motion passed.

Council Liaison Update: Jeff announced the formation of a Washington U and University City joint task force to update the study made by a previous task force in 2015. The city manager and city council are reviewing the different commissions with the idea of streamlining the meeting process. The idea put forth would be the commissions would only meet when there is 'actionable material' to be dealt with. Any informational material could be dealt with on an email basis.

Monthly Forestry Reports: After review Barb motioned for approval, Kristin second, motion passed.

Old Business: 7584 Melrose pertaining to the citizen hearing from September 12, one of the complaints was that the tree roots were damaging the resident's driveway. The public works department replaced the driveway on city right of way and during this process no tree roots were observed under the driveway.

New Business: A) Gamma Tree Service submitted the only bid for the Annual Tree Trimming Contract at \$35,804.16 and pending council approval will be the contractor.

B) Agricycle was the lowest bidder for the log and wood chip grinding at \$5900

C) Barb requested permission to form a sub-committee to develop a brochure outlining the importance and value of trees. She will present a written proposal at the January meeting

Update of Development Projects: James reported a new development project at 508 East Ave. The contractor will be removing trees and replacing with new plantings.

Citizens' comments: No Comments

Tom asked for a motion for adjournment, Mary motioned, Kristin second, meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Submitted by James Crowe