

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

Nov. 11, 2009

Members Present: Ted Slegesky, Judy Baernstein, Norma Bonham, Nancy Solodar, Anu Hittle, Linda Fried, James Crowe

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President Ted Slegesky

Amended minutes of August 12 meeting were reviewed, Nancy motioned to accept, Norma seconded, motion passed. Minutes of the September 9 meeting were reviewed, Norma motioned to accept, Judy seconded, motion passed.

City Council Liaison Update: No council liaison report

Monthly Forestry Reports: Reports were reviewed, there were questions about if the new labor position was being utilized, and how the rain had affected productivity. James said the labor position is a "shared" position with Park Maintenance and he is working with Forestry now until spring. The rainy weather slowed tree trimming and removals for the month of Oct. This is reflected in the report with trees trimmed and removals down for the year.

Old Business:

- A) Memorable Tree Walk: Norma contacted Leisha Meine about getting space on the City's web site. Ms. Meine said this could only be accomplished if the committee paid the outside contractor who maintains the City web site. Ted will contact the Parks Director about placing it on the Parks site. Norma and Nancy suggested contacting U City in Bloom about placing it on their site. The Green Center can't put it on their site but they will put up a link. Linda will work with Nancy and Norma in locating trees, Anu will draft a mock layout for the walk.
- B) Citizen Tree Planting: Judy reported a press release had been sent out to the Post, Journal and West End Word newspapers and to Shelley Welsch for her newsletter. Anu will make a graphic poster to be placed in various locations throughout the city. Linda proposed setting up a crew of volunteers to assist the Forestry Dept. by planting the Forest Releaf trees; she will develop this plan for implementation next fall and report back at the next meeting.

New Business:

- A) New Forestry Policy #11: Judy motion to accept, Nancy second, motion passed
- B) Map of Arboretum Trees: In response to a request from the Park Commission the Urban Forestry Commission will undertake this. Anu will investigate the possibility of an internship project with Washington U.
- C) Arbor Day: Judy will contact the University City Children's Center about participating in an Arbor Day ceremony in April in Metcalfe Park.

Update of Development Projects: There are no projects to report on.

Discussion and citizen comments: There were no citizen comments

Anu made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy second, meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Next meeting date: January 13 at 7:00 pm.

James Crowe