

Minutes
Urban Forestry & Beautification Commission
August 24, 2016

Members Present: , Jansen Litter, Todd Wales, Alex Teass, Andrew Heckaman, Bobbi Strangfeld, Gail Bason, Ethan Pagliaro, and Mike Lippert (Staff Representative)

Others Present: Brad Bonham

Minutes of June 23, 2016

Minutes were approved.

Reports from Subcommittees

Street Trees: The subcommittee prepared lists of recommended trees for the City which included street trees, park trees, large trees, unacceptable trees, etc. The lists were submitted in June to Terry Huxel for him to forward to Jada for next year's tree order. The lists were also emailed to committee members prior to the meeting. Board voted to approve the tree list. Alex noted that he received a list of 68 sites from the city for possible tree planting next year. After review, he noted large trees could be planted at 33 sites and medium trees at 27 sites.

Make a Difference Day tree planting was brought up. In 2016, Make A Difference Day is October 22. There are at least 10-12 park sites (Bonham, Hilltop, Van Roberts, Foster Memorial) that could use a tree. Alex motioned for the city to purchase the trees using city funds (through the Tree Canopy program in the Rec Foundation). Board approved. Mike will verify the tree size with Terry Huxel – it was thought 15 gallon trees might work. Some kind of deer guard will be required as well. Alex and Mike will review species. Bobbi thought the tree order should be placed by mid September.

Public Planting: No report.

Green Areas Trust: Subcommittee prepared draft report, "Considerations for Accepting Real Properties into the Wyoming Green Areas Trust". This was emailed to committee members prior to the meeting. There was some discussion on providing additional language to help defend the rejection of a property. It was agreed to send the report back to the subcommittee. Members were asked to email suggested changes to Alex. It was suggested that committee members participate in the city's upcoming master planning process to provide input in regard to Green Areas and their maintenance funding.

Old Business – None

New Business –

UFBC Award Write Up: Most of the write-ups are complete. The deadline for completion and submittal to Debby Martin is the first week of September. Andrew is working on the photos. It was suggested that a photo be taken of Centennial Park with the Trowel & Error Club and someone from Public Works.

Resignation of Corrie Carswell: City began the process of finding a replacement for Corrie who resigned since the last meeting.

Miscellaneous: Fall festival is fast approaching. The Board would like a booth. The board will not have a fall tree sale due to competing sales from storm water/Civic Garden Center. May want to raffle tree(s) at festival to attract people to booth. Other ideas included a poster of award winners, seed packets, and possibly a poster of a tree slice showing rings with historical dates. Candy and pumpkins are desired as well. A subcommittee lead by Bobbi will review over the next few weeks.

On September 11, a Wyoming high school student, Gabriela Okhuysen, will facilitate a lawn fertilizing seminar/event at the Wyoming Civic Center from 1 pm – 4 pm. All are invited to attend.

The Stearns Woods/Cilley Creek Restoration project has begun with preliminary surveying. Mike will forward an information sheet to committee members after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Lippert