



Citizen Advisory Committee
To Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee

MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2011

3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairman, Garth Davis.

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Garth Davis, Cindy Deffe, Chris Hilgert, Ed Lester, Marilyn Lloyd, Pam Luders and Ed Miles.
- Also present: Angel Spell, Leroy Eadie and Cheryl Miller (staff members; Urban Forestry Program, and Parks Administration); Nancy MacKerrow (The Susie Forest); Ken Van Voorhis, Ross Kelley (Park Board); and Robert Lawrence (citizen).

CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Minutes of the February 1, and March 1, 2011 UFCAC meetings – Pam Luders motioned to approve the minutes of both meetings as submitted. Ed Miles seconded. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Nancy MacKerrow reported that five (5) Susie Forest Trees will be planted in Corbin Park on April 22, 2011, with a ceremony following on April 23rd.

REPORTS

- a. Education and Volunteer Recruitment Subcommittee – Marilyn reported a meeting was held on March 14, 2011. Discussion topics included manning Arbor Day and Earth Day booths, a tour on Arbor Day in the Finch Arboretum, the NeighborWoods Program, public service announcements, the education grant (which needs to be finished by June), and the bookmarks. Next meeting is Monday, April 11, 2011, @ 4pm, at the County Conservation District Meeting Room, 210 N Havana, Spokane, WA. Pam reported she is working on the annual Avista donation bags. She kept 18 of them for the Pacific Northwest ISA Conference to be held Oct 2-5, 2011. Any bags left from Arbor Day should be made available for the conference. Angel reported that Jeff Perry secured a \$250 sponsorship from Avista for the conference.
- b. Street Tree Subcommittee – Julie Neff was not present, but previously distributed a report.
- c. Downtown Street Trees Subcommittee - Andrew Rolwes was not present, but previously distributed a report.
- d. VMP – Two meetings were held in March. Work to flesh out the plan and clarify some points continues. The next meeting has not been set, but is expected to be held in April. The current draft is available for review.
- e. Staff report – Angel Spell provided a written report. Highlighted topics include:



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1. Our 2010 Tree City USA Award will be presented on April 14th by the Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark. The presentation will be in the Chase Gallery, City Hall, at 12:30 – 1:30 pm.
2. A grant award was received to conduct a tree inventory in the Logan Neighborhood. The project should be completed this summer.
3. Nancy and Angel taped a spot for the 'Walk in the Park' program on Cable 5.
4. Some NeighborWoods groups are starting. There are officially three (3) now, with more being organized.
- f. 501c3 Subcommittee - Chris Hilgert reported he has received significant positive and negative feedback about the idea of the 501c3 organization. We should still move forward with it while continuing to consider issues and concerns that have been presented. A mission statement has been drafted. Drafting the bylaws and establishing the membership are the next steps in the process. An announcement will be sent out regarding these steps. A meeting to formally organize the group will be scheduled and announced. It is desired to have membership include CAC members as well as citizens of Spokane and residents of Spokane County.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Arbor Day / Earth Day – We will have booths at both celebrations. Earth Day celebration is at Main Street and Brown on April 23rd. The Arbor Day celebration is April 30th, 11 am – 2 pm at Finch.
- b. The annual Smart Utility Tree proclamation will be April 25th at the beginning of the City Council meeting 6 pm.
- c. Avista is seeking Tree Line USA status. Also applicable to properties in Spokane is Tree Campus USA. Both are the same program as Tree City USA, so interested parties have to meet equivalent requirements. Garth is seeking contact information to pursue interest for Tree Campus USA. The program is not applicable to high schools, only colleges and universities.
- d. Guest Robert Lawrence presented concern about apple trees growing on City property and the insect issue they encourage. Locations include northeast of Freya and Empire, and north of SCC property on the west side of McLaren by the open field. A city arborist will reassess the trees during June or July. A spray program is not an option, but fruit or tree removal may be considered.
- e. The Hillyard merchants have about 1500 seedlings (mostly evergreens) to be given away to interested parties during Earth Day and Arbor Day observations.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Garth Davis, Chair

The Citizen Advisory Committee to the City of Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee usually meets the first Tuesday of each month, 3:30 pm, at the Manito Meeting Room, Manito Park, in Spokane, Washington.

November 2, 2010