

Report from the Horticulture Supervisor For CAC Meeting September 1, 2009

Parks Staff had further meetings with representatives of the web designing firm, BHW1. Urban Forestry has been sending content to BHW1. They have also asked for a list of pictures we would like taken professionally which UF has supplied.

Applications for Urban Forester position have been scored. No other news at this time

Camp Chevrolet concerning tree damages along Division has made the first of the agreed upon donations to the Reforest Spokane Fund in the amount of \$300.00 per tree that had to be replaced. They will replace all destroyed trees and have reparative pruning done on the remaining trees that were damaged.

City Cable 5 still has UF in line for filming a PSA. They have taken our priority ideas and will work up some scenarios along with Nancy Goodspeed to present to the CAC.

Andrew Rowles is working to have the Downtown Street Tree Grant changed to coincide with the BID boundaries and increase the grant amount from \$500/tree to \$1000/tree and the new tree grates have been completed, first one installed at the Fernwell Bldg.

Some projects completed by Urban Forestry Arborist Crew:

- Air spading two trees so far on Comstock Park damage
- Removal of willow tree from river at Riverfront Park
- Remove large windthrown tree at Manito
- Pruning of Trees at Riverfront Park

Work at the Urban Forestry Office:

- Planning for street tree plantings on 5 Mile Rd
- A. M. Cannon Pool trees are being damaged by pool users waiting for the pool to open. Looking for extremely high canopy (6.5') trees to plant there
- Seven trees were damaged by the contracted arborist on the 37th Ave project. Several will probably need to be removed. It is stated in the contract that no root pruning will occur without prior approval from Urban Forestry Staff. Urban Forestry staff met with engineers prior to the project and informed them that they would have to work around the trees. No mention of root pruning was made to Urban Forestry staff at any point during the project.
- Many landscape plans to review, and permits to approve in August.