



**Citizen Advisory Committee
To the Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2009

4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM

2. ROLL CALL

- a. All members of the CAC were present except: Carrie Anderson, Garth Davis and Ed Miles.
- b. Also present: Steve Nittolo (Horticultural Supervisor, Spokane), Nancy MacKerrow (citizen, Susie's Forest and Mike Sanborn (citizen, Arborist)

3. CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel congratulated Andrew Rolwes on the birth of his second child, a baby girl.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes for the March 2009 CAC meeting were reviewed. Susan moved that the Meeting Minutes be accepted as corrected. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Minutes were accepted.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nancy MacKerrow gave a brief recap on her recent trip to Washington, D. C.. to plant two Susie's Forest trees.

6. REPORTS

- a. Ordinance Review & Code Enforcement subcommittee

Steve Nittolo reported that code enforcement issues for street tree violations was moving slowly along.

- b. Education Outreach and Volunteer Recruitment subcommittee.

See attached report.

- c. Finance & Funding subcommittee

No report.

d. Vegetation Management Plan subcommittee

No report.

e. Staffing Recommendations subcommittee

No report.

f. Historic Tree & Preservation subcommittee

Susan proposed a motion that the CAC adopt to move forward to the UFTC the attached amended ordinance language for the Heritage Tree Program. Marilyn seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. She also briefly discussed how she had meet with Steve Nittilo to go over needed forms to administer the program. The amended HT ordinance will now go to the UFTC, then to the Park Board and finally the City Council for approval.

g. Spokane Horticultural Supervisor's Report

See attached report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

8. NEW BUSINESS

Angel briefed the CAC that the new Spokane Urban Forester position would be classified as civil service and would probably be advertised within a months time.

The CAC decided that it would request by letter that Mayor Verner convene a task force to review existing parking strip widths and what trees can be planted there. Susan and Angel will work on the draft of that letter.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Susan moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM. Andrew seconded the motion.

The Citizen Advisory Committee to the City of Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4:00 pm, at the Manito Meeting Room, Manito Park, in Spokane, Washington.

Angel Spell, Chair

Susan M. Ross Traver, Secretary