



Citizen Advisory Committee
To Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee

MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2011

3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM by Marilyn Lloyd.

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Richard Burris, Pam Luders, Ed Miles, Ben Kappen, Marilyn Lloyd, Julie Neff, Cindy Deffe, Ed Lester and Barry Lauerman.
- Also present: Angel Spell, Leroy Eadie and Jacki Faught (staff members, Urban Forestry Program, Parks and Recreation Director and Parks Administration); Nancy MacKerrow (The Susie Forest); Melissa Burt, Chris Wright, Ken Van Voorhis, and Phil Lindstrom (UFTC members); and Ross Kelley, Jim Santorsola (Park Board).

CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CAC meetings will precede UFTC meeting in an effort to streamline the two meetings.
- At this time Marilyn, Richard, Andrew and Ben need to submit written intent to continue for another term. Angel will find out the terms of UFTC members.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2011 UFCAC was made, seconded and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Nancy MacKerrow reported five trees were planted on 6th Avenue at Lewis & Clark High School. Each tree is designated for a group that doesn't usually get recognition. The groups are excited about the trees.

REPORTS

- a. Education and Volunteer Recruitment Subcommittee – Cindy Deffe noted she had been absent for four months and deferred to Marilyn. The bookmark project has been handed over to Angel who is working on funding. The bookmarks will include Urban Forestry messages and will be distributed to libraries and schools. The Committee needs to set new goals and will work with the AmeriCorps volunteer. Beth Mort has returned and will be working 15 hours per week. She will be a resource for the committee however her focus will be as supervisor to the Intern.
- b. Street Tree Subcommittee – Julie Neff advised that the committee had been working with Engineering, Parks, Streets and Planning that has been trying to address the Citizen Advisory Committee recommendations with regards to street trees. The issues being the size of street trees on the street tree planting list, how to address

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existing planting strips less than the standard 5', and street tree and sign conflicts. Work is still being done on street tree and sign conflicts. Garth gathered information from other municipalities on their regulations for trees and signage. A 3D Model was prepared by Sherry Pratt Van Voorhis last fall that incorporated factors such as size of the street tree, speed of traffic, whether or not parking is allowed, etc. The group came up with numbers based on based on interpretation of the model. The model will address new trees being installed in new development. Parks is working with Streets on individual existing issues.

- c. Downtown Street Trees Subcommittee. Andrew Rowles was absent today so there was no report. A written report will be requested for the next meeting.
- d. VMP – The group met twice in January and will continue to meet in February. An announcement will be sent out regarding the schedule for upcoming meetings. The meetings will likely be held on February 15th and 22nd.
- e. Staff report.
 - a. Angel will be meeting with a sergeant at Geiger Corrections. Geiger is very excited about the possibility of having nursery operations on site that would be managed and maintained by inmates. The benefits to Urban Forestry would be a local source of trees of quality and species we want at a much lower piece than the wholesale nursery market. The program would be similar to the “Sustainable Prisons Project” on the west side of the state.
 - b. Angel met with Lt. Judi Carl at the Police Training Center and they have requested an assessment of property. We have already done the same for Fire. Both departments want the work done and have funding. The challenge is that Urban Forestry does not have the resources or staff to do the work.
- f. 501c3 Subcommittee - Ed Miles met with Chris Hilgert and Garth Davis for the first meeting of the subcommittee to look into forming a 501c3 non profit to assist Urban Forestry. They are exploring the requirements that need to be met before they can apply. They will schedule another meeting to discuss this further. The group will probably need directors that are not members of the CAC. Angel has been referring interested parties to Chris. The decision was made not to use the Parks Foundation because they did not want to comingle funds and this is a single focus group. Chris Wright advised that the Foundation could manage the funds however they would charge to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ed Lester gave a presentation on an inventory of woody plants that will grow in our area, the Manito tour project and his nominations for Heritage Trees. Ed has gathered a lot of data in his work over the last three years on the inventory of trees and shrubs that will grow naturally in our area. The goal is to gather a complete listing of what will grow in multiple locations so that anyone for any reason could go to a location to see a tree or shrub they are interested in. In working through his data he realized that we have a large number of outstanding trees



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in a number of different categories. His research has prompted him to submit for proper identification and measurement about 40 trees that are on City property for nomination as Heritage trees.

- b. Ideas for Parks Foundation Grant Application. Several ideas were discussed including an online interactive database of Heritage trees, a more generic brochure, a connection of the Fish Lake Trailhead with the Finch Arboretum that would include directional and interpretive signage. The deadline is the February 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Garth Davis, Chair