



Citizen Advisory Committee
To Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee

MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2011

3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM by Garth Davis.

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Richard Burris, Garth Davis, Pam Luders, Ed Miles, Chris Hilgert, Ben Kappen, Marilyn Lloyd, and Julie Neff
- Also present: Angel Spell and Cheryl Miller (staff members, Urban Forestry Program and Parks Administration); Nancy MacKerrow (The Susie Forest); Melissa Burt (UFTC member); and Ross Kelley (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 – No quorum last month so there are no minutes from December, 2010, to approve.
- Minutes - November 2, 2010. No changes. Richard Burris moved to approve the November 2, 2010 minutes. Chris Hilgert seconded. Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Nancy Mackerrow reported several trees on 6th Avenue at Lewis & Clark High School were taken down and 5 new trees for the Susie Forest will be planted as replacements.

REPORTS

- a. Education and Volunteer Recruitment Subcommittee – Cindy Deffe was absent. Garth shared information about the arboriculture class at SCC, and Ruth Baker’s planting class on Saturday.
- b. Street Tree Subcommittee – Julie Neff had nothing new to report. Garth did not receive any responses to his e-mails. He will resend them in another attempt.
- c. Downtown Street Trees Subcommittee. Andrew Rowles was absent today so there was no report.
- d. VMP – Tuesday afternoon meetings from 2 – 4 pm continue at Spokane County Conservation District 210 N Havana. All major plan elements have been addressed. We are in the final editing phase. Next meetings will be January 18th and 25th, 2011, from 2 to 4 pm.

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e. Staff report.

- We have been awarded an AmeriCorps service position for an Education and Outreach Coordinator to serve full-time February 7 – December 16, 2011, at the cost of \$14,950. We expect to start receiving applications soon.
- There was a lot of media coverage last month.
- Currently operations is primarily focused on removals (26 were done out of Riverfront Park), some pruning, and inventory and assessment of trees up for street projects this year.
- Changing Finch Arboretum from a Park Operations facility to an Urban Forestry facility is being explored.
- Angel will give a report on Urban Forestry at the January 13, 2011, Park Board Meeting.
- Grant application for \$10,000.00 award with WDNR is due at the end of January for inventory work.
- We are working on bookmarks and brochures for PSA grant.
- Working with The Lands Council on their new project: Ponderosa Pine Matching Project Challenge is being explored.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Chris Hilgert has researched requirements for creating a 501c3. He agreed to Chair a sub-committee on this topic. Garth Davis and Melissa Burtt expressed interest in being on the committee. Chris shared information that he has been reviewing, but there is more to be reviewed. Creating a 501c3 could be advantageous for receiving funding to be used specifically for Urban Forestry projects. We should also pursue the possibility of working with existing 501c3 organizations such as The Parks Foundation, The Friends of Manito or others for this funding goal.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Outreach to civic organizations for support for Spokane's trees. If anyone has a connection with organizations such as Rotary, Lion's Club, etc. we could try to get Angel on their agendas to speak about the Community Forestry Program in case they are interested in doing a project.
- b. The connection between Reforest Spokane and The Parks Foundation as well as the lack of detail they provide regarding this program was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

- Garth concluded the January meeting at 4:27 pm.

Garth Davis, Chair

Cheryl Miller, Secretary

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