



City of Woodinville, Washington

TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF April 23, 2014

Woodinville City Hall City Council Chambers, 17301 133rd Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA

<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p>	<p>The regular meeting for the Woodinville Tree Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Quigley.</p>
<p><u>ROLL CALL</u></p>	<p><u>Tree Board Present:</u> Tom Quigley, Steve Yabroff, Michael Munniks <u>Absent:</u> Jay Manickam <u>City Staff Present:</u> Sarah Ruether</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to excuse Board Member Jey Manickam. There was no motion to excuse Board Member Manickam, as today's meeting is Board Member Manickam's last meeting on the Tree Board.</p>
<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER AND CONTENT</u></p>	<p>Board Member Yabroff requested the Tree Board add to the agenda a discussion about the tree regulations that went before the Planning Commission last week. Chair Tom Quigley noted there was consensus to add "Tree regulations presented to the Planning Commission" as Agenda Item 3.</p>
<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p>	<p>David Perine and his wife, Debbie Perine, were present for public comment. David spoke during public comments.</p> <p>Mr. Perine commented that there is a wide variety of arborists who will give various interpretations about whether a tree needs to be removed. He said, if an arborist will recommend to cut any tree down, then the regulations are not working.</p> <p>Mr. Perine expressed that there was a maple that needed to be taken down on 152nd street and it took a year for the City to remove it. He does not understand the process and permits are not reviewed by an arborist. He is opposed to the idea of having to have a number of credits to remove trees on his property. He would like to remove a few more trees from his property, but he can't because he will go below his required credits and then will have to plant. Does not like that he is required to have a forested lot.</p> <p>Chair Tom Quigley responded that there are good arborists and bad arborists; and, as a city, we are trying to get to the point where we can review each lot separately. Board Member Steve Yabroff explained that there are proposed changes to the tree regulations that are going before the Planning Commission with the goal to make the regulations more user friendly. Mr. Yabroff said he believes that we need to have the tree canopy in the R-1 so that is why the tree credits are required. Steve, also,</p>

	expressed his desire for the City to create a decision tree so as to make the regulations more user friendly.
<u>BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>	
<p><i>Approval of 3/26/14 Regular Tree Board Minute as presented and approval of amended Tree Board meeting notes from 10/10/12, 7/24/13, and 1/22/14 as presented</i></p>	<p>1. <u>Approval of 3/26/14 Tree Board Meeting Minutes</u> as presented and approval of amended Tree Board meeting notes from 10/10/12, 7/24/13, and 1/22/14 as presented.</p> <p>Tree Board approved the regular meeting minutes of 3/26/14, as presented, and approved the amended Tree Board meeting notes from 10/10/12, 7/24/13, and 1/22/14, as presented:</p> <p>A correction was made to the Regular Tree Board meeting minutes for October 10, 2012, under Approval of Minutes, page 1, of the approved minutes to add “April 11, 2012 and April 18, 2012 minutes approved”.</p> <p>A correction was made to the Regular Tree Board meeting minutes for July 24, 2013, under Approval of Minutes, page 1, of the approved minutes to revise date of draft minutes from “April 17, 2013”, to “May 22, 2013”.</p> <p>A correction was made to the Regular Tree Board meeting minutes for January 22, 2014, under Approval of November 27, 2013 Regular Tree Board Minutes, page 1, of the approved minutes to revise date of draft minutes from “September 25, 2013” to “November 27, 2013”;</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/26/14, as presented. And approval of amended Tree Board meeting notes from 10/10/12, 7/24/13, and 1/22/14, as presented.</p> <p>Motion by: Board Member Yabroff Second by: Board Member Munniks Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 3 - 0 Vote: Ayes: 3. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0.</p>
<p><i>Discussion and Review: Re-cap of First Annual Tree-ster Egg Hunt, Arbor Day Event</i></p>	<p>2. <u>Discussion & Review of First Annual Tree-ster Egg Hunt, Arbor Day Event</u></p> <p>Board Member Michael Munniks discussed how he really felt that the Tree-ster event was a success. He thought the educational aspect and the appeal to families are what made it successful. The feedback that he got was all positive. Based on the raffle tickets that were submitted (63 submitted), he estimated that 50 families participated with a total number of participants at around 130.</p> <p>Board Member Yabroff said the event was very well organized and he</p>

	<p>liked the educational aspect. He would definitely support doing it again. Mr. Yabroff said he would like to see more publicity in the future, and maybe, if there was more planning ahead of time, this would be possible. He expressed that the educational aspect was good and that the event portrayed a good image for the City. Also, that it would be good to have a budget going forward as part of the planning. Maybe planning for the event could start in December or January to allow more time for organization. Also, if we do this again, the same kind of weekend in April would work well, although likely it would not line up with Easter as well as it did this year. Even if it doesn't line up with Easter, he felt the same theme could be used.</p> <p>Chair Tom Quigley mentioned he may like some Arbor Day brochures for an event at 21 Acres. Ms. Ruether said he could come in and pick them up at any time.</p> <p>Board Member Michael Munniks expressed that he would like to see another press release to the Woodinville Weekly and the rest of the Tree Board members agreed.</p>
<p><i>Discussion and Review: Tree regulations presented to Planning Commission</i></p>	<p><u>3. Discussion and review of tree regulations presented to the Planning Commission</u></p> <p>Board Member Yabroff gave a synopsis of how the Planning Commission meeting went last Wednesday night regarding the proposed tree regulations. He said he thought they were well received by the Planning Commission and would be recommended for approval.</p> <p>Planner Sarah Ruether handed out an information sheet on "Ivy Out", a volunteer program in Seattle to remove ivy from trees. Ivy is an invasive species that can deplete trees of nutrients and, therefore, compromise the health of the trees. A citizen who is concerned about the loss of trees due to the Wood-Duvall project suggested that the Tree Board look into this type of program to save the remaining trees on Wood-Duvall.</p>
<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p>	<p>No second public comment</p>
<p><u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p>	<p>Seeing no further business, Chair Quigley called the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



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