



## TREE BOARD MEETING NOTES REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2012

<b>Board Members Present</b>		
X Johan Luchsinger	X Jey Manickam	X Thomas Quigley
X Michael Munniks	<input type="checkbox"/> Olga Bonilla	
<b>Staff Present</b>		
Hal Hart, Development Services Director	Sandy Guinn, Sr. Administrative Assistant	
<b>Guests/Public in Attendance</b>		
Public Works Director Thomas Hansen		
<b>Called to Order at:</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Meeting Location:</b> Calkins Room	<b>Chairperson:</b> Johan Luchsinger
Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	X Modified Agenda: Motion by Tom Quigley, second by Chair Luchsinger, to add to today's agenda under New Business "Introduction of new Tree Board member, Michael Munniks". Motion passed unanimously.
Approval of Minutes:	X NONE	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT/GUEST SPEAKER</b>		
<p>Public Works Director Thomas Hansen introduced himself to the Board and commented that he has a Forest Engineering degree, 3 classes shy of a Forest Management degree. Mr. Hansen said he looks for balance between preserving tree canopy and native trees that add value and function, providing public safety, cost of right-of-way, and being smart about where placing sidewalks, bike lanes, planter strips and new trees (e.g. trees placed under utility lines do not grow into healthy trees). Director Hansen said utility companies have the legal right to trim and top trees under utility lines. He expressed there would be more value (tree canopy) to plant 3 trees in a forest canopy area and plant low growing native plants underneath utility lines. Development Services Director Hart distributed the Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Emphasis Area map and recommended including the map in the to-be-updated 1998 Forestry Plan. PW Director Hansen responded to Board members' questions about upcoming public works projects, who he consults with when making decisions and reviewing projects, and how the Tree Board influences him. Chair Luchsinger requested that, in the future, the City should look at on-street parking in the downtown core. In addition, the Board requested staff forward to board members the City's Tree Removal Application and copy of Canterbury Square artist rendition that was recently shown to City Council. Commissioner Munniks requested a copy of the WRIA map.</p>		
<b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>		
<p>Director Hart said the City was honored for its 16 years as a Tree City USA member at the last City Council meeting. He said in order to be designated as a Tree City USA member, the City must have a tree care ordinance, an urban forestry plan (how to maintain our tree canopy as we grow and add 3,000 housing units and 5,000 jobs), a tree board, and staff that can implement the goals. He provided an update to the Canterbury Square property and some of the issues to be looked at, including height and density, buffer width of stream, if able to move the stream, and ped soils. Director Hart responded to questions from the Tree Board. Mr. Hart commented that the Board should review the Canterbury project when it comes in. In addition, he advised the Board they need to review the 1998 Forestry Plan by Year 2013 to see if it is in sync with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Director Hart discussed future landscaping training for staff and the Tree Board's participation. The Tree Board advised that they have expertise in this field and would like to assist with the training. The Tree Board requested not to have a guest speaker at the May meeting, as there is a lot of work the Board and staff need to accomplish. The Chair requested that nominations for Tree Board Chair occur at the May meeting. Tree Board members directed staff to bring back the Tree Removal application as an agenda item for the next Tree Board meeting.</p>		
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<p><u>Introduction of new Tree Board Member, Michael Munniks:</u> Board member Munniks said he lives in the Vineyards, just above McCorry's, and is on the homeowner's association board. He was pleased to find out that the City has a</p>		

Heritage Tree program and he may have a candidate for the Tree Board, if there should be a vacant position.

Tree Board By-Laws: During staff's presentation it was noted that the By-Laws have not been updated since 1999 (when adopted). The Board briefly discussed updating the by-laws and agreed to review the materials provided in the staff report and provide comments to Ms. Guinn. Staff was directed to bring this item back to the next Board meeting, including a modified version of the current Planning Commission By-Laws.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESSES

### Study Session: Arbor Day & 2012 Tree Board Public Outreach Efforts:

The Tree Board discussed various types of outreach and agreed to volunteer on three Arbor Day/Earth Day outreach items consisting of the following:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Opportunity/Event</b>
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April 14, 2012	<u>Woodin Creek-Sammamish River</u>	Volunteer and Information Opportunity along the Sammamish River near Woodin Creek confluence (10AM to 2 PM) Potential Tree Planting Event – (staff to check with King County)
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April 21, 2012	<u>21 Acres</u>	"Earth Day a Local Celebration" Information Booth (along with many others) on the Tree Board (2 – 6 PM)
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April 28, 2012	<u>City Hall</u>	Arborist Demonstration By Tom Quigley, Tree Trimming including Japanese Maples and other trees. (10 to 11 AM)
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Staff advised that they extended an invitation to the Woodinville Garden Club to attend the events via the Garden Club's website, phone call, and letter.

Review of the 1998 Community Urban Forestry Plan – Review Vision Statement and 21 Goals of the Plan – Development Services Director Hart recommended that the Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Emphasis Area map be included in the to-be-updated 1998 Forestry Plan. Board agreed that the Board needs to review the 1998 Community Urban Forestry Plan at future meetings.

Motion by Jey Manickam to extend meeting 5 minutes, seconded by Chair Luchsinger. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was, again, unanimously extended.

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	April 18, 2012
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<b>Meeting Adjourned at:</b>	6:20 PM
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<b>Notes Prepared by:</b>	Sandy Guinn
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<b>Date:</b>	April 11, 2012
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