



TREE BOARD MEETING NOTES REGULAR MEETING OF October 10, 2012

Board Members Present		
X Paula Waters	X Jey Manickam	X Thomas Quigley
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Munniks	X Steve Yabroff	
Staff Present		
Richard Leahy, Interim Development Services Director	Erin Martindale, Senior Planner	Sarah Ruether, Planner
Guests/Public in Attendance		
None		
Called to Order at:	Meeting Location:	Chairperson:
4:32 p.m.	Calkins Room	Thomas Quigley
Agenda	X Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Modified
Approval of Minutes:	X Approved March 14, 2012 minutes approved with modification, change Yabroff's title from President to Vice President; April 11, 2012 and April 18, 2012 minutes approved.	
PUBLIC COMMENT		
None		
DIRECTOR'S REPORT		
None		
NEW BUSINESS		
<p>Move location to Chambers the round table, the meetings will not be video taped.</p> <p>Thomas Quigley elected as Chair and Paula Waters elected as vice chair.</p> <p>Brief description of Streetscape Framework Plan and the types of trees chosen for main street, the grid roads, parkways and lanes. Tom asked when there would be an open house for the Streetscape Plan. Erin said Oct 23 from 1:30-3:00 and Oct 24 from 5:30-7:00. This open house is also for gateway plan. Yabroff said he was concerned that the Katsura Tree would cause infrastructure damage as he has one that has caused driveway damage. Tom said that the infrastructure damage depends on soil conditions and whether there is a root barrier and how the tree is planted. Rich said that the consultant would address the soil types and root barriers to address this.</p> <p>Paula expressed concern that having all the same kind of tree would create a monoculture and what would it do for aesthetics? She wondered if Paris has only one species. She also said she had already viewed the Streetscape Plan in Planning Commission and was happy with it. Jay said that disease can sometimes be a problem but most of the time it is okay. He said that aesthetics depends on the placement. Rich said it is more of an architectural statement to have all the same species and that the Parkways are to be more like groves. Sarah said that a line of trees can act as a vista to frame a view or gateway. Tom would like more review by arborists for projects. For example Douglass Firs planted under power lines are not a good idea. Rich said he would like the Businesses to participate more.</p> <p>Yabroff said he thinks the tree application is arduous and Rich agreed. Making revisions to this will be part of the 2013 work plan.</p>		
UNFINISHED BUSINESSES		
<p>Vice chair needs to be added to bylaws. Asked to change the time to meet to 4th Wednesday of month at 5:30. It used to be a 90 minute meeting but think they can do it in an hour. The conclusion was to meet monthly. Would like to encourage more public to show up and have more outreach. The board decides if it is an unexcused absence. Bylaws adopted as amended.</p>		

For the future tree board schedule Erin discussed recommendation of the 2013-2014 spending of the tree fund money. Rich will provide a recommendation of how to use it for street beautification. Money needs to be spent on a street where they know it will not be removed. Tom asked if there is any tax fund for tree city. Erin said there is no tax fund but we are required to spend a certain amount to be a tree city. The fund is currently \$37,000. Rich said in the long term we need to set some objective for this money. Paula asked if we have a goal for the number of trees. The goal is for a 40% canopy, currently we are at 32%. Rich would like to see the right types of trees in the right place. Tree maintenance is done for parks but most property owners do not maintain and we need a more systematic way to maintain. According to Jay having the property owner maintain does not work well and it ends up that the City has to maintain it. Tom thinks we need a way to report trees that need maintenance. Yabroff said most homeowners are not skilled at maintaining trees, they are not well educated. Tom said they had done trainings before maybe this would be a good idea to do again. Rich suggested a group of downtown property owners as a business assessment to maintain. Jay suggested a fund for the City to assume maintenance if the property owner does not do it. Yabroff suggested that we educate and you do it and if not we come out and bill you.

Rich said planting was planned for the north side of 195th to screen out that ugly section and the entry to town at 522 in conjunction with entry signs. Also on both sides of Wood-Sno in the ugly industrial area. Paula asked if there is anyone on staff to advice on species. Rich said the consultants are landscape architects and would advise. The money doesn't go far as irrigation is very expensive. Paula asked if we could consider not having irrigation. Rich said the groundcover will need irrigation.

A discussion of future meetings for the schedule was to meet in November not in December and in January discuss tree protection and the tree regulations to make them a more workable process. Would like a proposed work plan to mirror what has been done in the past. There is Council concern about the bureaucratic process for tree removal

Next Meeting:	November 28, 2012 5:30
Meeting Adjourned at: 5:15 PM	
Notes Prepared by: Sarah Ruether	Date: October 10, 2012

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Guinn