



TREE BOARD MEETING NOTES REGULAR MEETING OF November 28, 2012

Board Members Present		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paula Waters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jey Manickam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas Quigley
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Munniks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Yabroff	
Staff Present		
David Kuhl, Development Services Director	Sarah Ruether Planner	
Guests/Public in Attendance		
None		
Called to Order at:	Meeting Location:	Chairperson:
5:30 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	Thomas Quigley
Agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Modified
PUBLIC COMMENT		
None		
BUSINESS and DISCUSSION ITEMS		
<p>1. Approval of Minutes.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Draft October 10, 2012 minutes</p> <p>Board Member Waters moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2012, amending the date of minutes referenced in "Approval of Minutes" from "March 14, 2011 minutes" to "March 14, 2012 minutes". Commissioner Yabroff seconded the motion.</p> <p>Vote: All voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed, 4-0.</p> <p>2. Direction on How to Spend Tree Fund Money</p> <p>Planner Sarah Ruether provided a brief summary and requested that the Tree Board give a recommendation as to how to spend the money. Ms. Ruether, also, talked about the Gateway Plan with signs and new trees near the car auction and Sunbelt, near 195th, and that a consultant would be used for the design. Ms. Ruether responded to questions from Tree Board members and discussion followed regarding concern that it is premature to plant trees near Sunbelt until they know what they may redevelop to. It was expressed that when the plans are more gelled with the Gateway Plan, then maybe the Tree Board should discuss at that time; until then, it does not seem like a good place to spend the money now. Chair Quigley commented that the City should use the funds to oversee the type of trees that are planted, since the High School planted Douglas Firs under the power lines, and that we should spend some of the money to ensure we hire an arborist. Commissioner Yabroff recommended that the City should use the school site as an example of what to look for from a postmortem aspect.</p> <p>3. Review of Tree Regulations and Issues with Administration of those Regulations</p> <p>Planner Sarah Ruether provided background regarding the current tree regulations and issues with administering the regulations. Ms. Ruether advised that the code requires 70% Evergreen plantings for Type 2 landscape requirements and that the code can be too rigid and expressed the need for flexibility. Discussion from the Tree Board members followed regarding hiring an arborist or reviewing the work of an arborist to ensure the right plants are installed, the need to keep it simple for the homeowner, the City having two different sections – one for the homeowner and the other for the professional/commercial developer, summarizing the requirements for the homeowner, tree removal and cost to remove a dead tree, the tree credit process, how the City can honor the goal of the tree regulations and not make it so onerous. Planner Ruether advised that the ordinance came from Kirkland and that the credits should be made easier. Board member Yabroff commented that it should come down to a list or two and be easy.</p> <p>There was consensus among the Tree Board members that the Work Plan for revised tree regulations should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Arborist – No secondary requirement b. Staff – Enable staff to make decisions c. Tree Credits – Make it more intuitive d. Dead Trees – Make exemptions available 		

- e. Forms – Review for changes (simplicity)
- f. Homeowner – System; Commercial – System; Make these two different systems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

Next Meeting: January 23, 2013 5:30

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:33 PM

Notes Prepared by: Sarah Ruether

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Date: November 29, 2012