



## TREE BOARD MEETING NOTES REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2012

<b>Board Members Present</b>		
X Johan Luchsinger	X Jey Manickam	X Thomas Quigley
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	X Olga Bonilla	
<b>Staff Present</b>		
Hal Hart, Development Services Director	Sandy Guinn, Sr. Administrative Assistant	
<b>Guests/Public in Attendance</b>		
Steve Yabroff		
<b>Called to Order at:</b>	<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b>
4:32 p.m.	Calkins Room	Johan Luchsinger
Agenda	X Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Modified
Approval of Minutes:	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>		
<p><b>Steve Yabroff (Vice President of his homeowners association), 19320 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA.</b> Mr. Yabroff thanked the Tree Board members for their service to the community and requested the Board review the Tree Removal application to make it a little less daunting and clearer for the average citizen, while preserving the intent to preserve the tree canopy. Mr. Yabroff's neighbor had a dead tree that they wanted removed, but had difficulty with understanding how to complete the Tree Removal application. The Tree Board members explained that currently 2 trees per year may be removed without completing an application, there is no cost for a Tree Removal permit, and, once the applicant has enough tree credits identified, the applicant can stop identifying the remaining trees on their property. There was further discussion regarding does "species" "lot size" and "zoning" need to be on the form, the City performing public outreach, creating a simple "how to complete" application instructions (line-by-line instructions), that could, also, show the approved way of marking trees and what happens once enough tree credits are identified. There was consensus for the Tree Board to add this as an agenda item to the next Tree Board meeting.</p>		
<b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>		
Mr. Hart advised that the City Council will appoint a new Tree Board member at the March 20th City Council meeting and the City Council appointed four new members to the Planning Commission. Director Hart commented that Department of Natural Resources will come to City Council and provide recognition to the City for the Arbor Day/Tree City USA events performed throughout the year.		
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b><u>Study Session: Arbor Day &amp; 2012 Tree Board Public Outreach Efforts:</u></b>		
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>
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)
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)
April 28, 2012	<u>City Hall</u>	- Arborist Demonstration By Tom Quigley, Tree Trimming including Japanese Maples and other trees. (10 to 11 AM)
<b><u>Study Session: 2012 Tree Board Work Program</u></b>		
Director Hart provided a brief introduction, as many of the work items were discussed under the Tree Board public outreach efforts. The Tree Board discussed having tours to see Woodinville's tree canopy and discuss where more trees should be placed (including Little Bear Creek and Sammamish River), helping preserve factors that enhance salmon, land coverage in the City's watershed, and how to protect the tree canopy. Tree Board Member Quigley distributed a copy of the "City of Woodinville Tree Canopy Assessment". Discussion ensued and the Board directed staff to pursue re-engaging University of Washington to have an analysis completed by 2014. The Board		

requested that Public Works Director be a guest speaker at the next Tree Board meeting and talk about Public Works projects and the affect ROW projects have on the City's tree canopy. Staff was directed to include election of new Chair and review of By-Laws as future agenda items.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESSES**

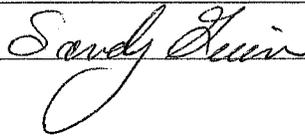
**Study Session: Continued Review of the 1998 Community Urban Forestry Plan – Review Vision Statement and 21 Goals of the Plan**

Director Hart provided a brief introduction, commenting that the Vision Statement was developed out of Woodinville's Comprehensive Plan. Discussion ensued regarding revising the Vision Statement, the public process, having the Planning Commission participate in the review, 'diverse trees' vs. 'native trees' and what is 'mature'. The Board commented that the Plan does not mention 'native habitat'. Director Hart stated that the City will need to adopt a revised plan with new 'whereas', with more science and local ecology. The Chair requested Board Members review the Vision Statement and goals and email comments and recommendations directly to Director Hart.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2012

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:50 PM

Notes Prepared by: Sandy Guinn



Date: March 14, 2012