

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2023
7:30-9:00PM

Attendees: MaryLee Haughwout, Jackie Sabath, Lester Scheuermann, Gladys Sanchez

Meeting Facilitator: Jackie

Notes: MaryLee

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting - (2 min)
 - a. Approved, no changes. Meeting minutes are posted on city website.
2. Climate Resilient Tree Planting Communication Planning - MaryLee (20 min)
 - a. MaryLee walked through google form and draft outreach plan
 - b. Google form would collect interest and then allow Casey Trees start consultations for private property or Tree Commissioner to review public space requests. If a lot of interest could also funnel into County Tree Program.
 - c. Jackie asked about if folks can access - should be able to access google forms without gmail account. MaryLee will give TC access to form.
 - d. Would like to translate into Spanish as well - see if Judy can help.
 - e. Need to ask Casey Trees, Jonathan, about timing, tree stock/availability, and to review language.
 - f. MaryLee will reach out to Jonathan and ask Judy about ability to translate into Spanish.
3. Watering Trees (15 min)
 - a. Roger's Park - Jackie
 - i. City has been watering. A few communication glitches but otherwise OK.
 - ii. Gabe monitoring as well and communicating with Jackie.
 - iii. Using the hydrant and going OK. Still labor intensive but better than buckets.
 - b. County trees - MaryLee
 - i. MaryLee hasn't talked to County in awhile - since drought lessened
 - ii. Need to pick up again to replace dead trees - fall. Several new replacement trees planted Spring 2023 that died with early drought. Trees from 2022 doing relatively ok considering.

4. AUTI implementation - Lester (15 min)
 - a. Laster started in June going on tree walks. $\frac{1}{3}$ of trees have been covered. Still have a ways to go.
 - b. Lester finding errors from last year. Some address issues, species issues. Double checking is helpful.
 - c. Goal to finish end of September
 - d. Completed to Mt Rainier elementary - 84 trees - good opportunity for more trees.
 - e. Started doing Thomas Stone 100-200 trees. Front of school. Trees have scale. Cherry also has a bark scale. First time noted.
 - f. Lester notes we should start looking at cherry trees as well throughout city to monitor spread.
 - g. Current # of trees in city, 1,950 trees. Needs to finish up north area along northwest branch/park area.
 - h. Lester to send a reminder about walk in August. No pressure - can go into October if needed.
5. Updates on City-related projects - Rocio/Gladys (10 min)
 - a. Summer maintenance
 - i. Gladys noted list for 6 trees to be removed. Pruning end of September/October.
 - ii. Gladys will provide list and Matt's (city arborist) assessment of the trees.
 - iii. MaryLee noted two additional trees for list and will share address as follow up.
 - iv. Commissioners also noted dead large oak on private property on Shepherd and 31st and need for action because hazardous/danger. Multiple communications with city - code enforcement action.
 - b. Memorial Park
 - i. Groundbreaking happening soon.
 - ii. Gladys will share Tree Protection Plan
 - iii. Gladys will inquire about additional tree planting
 - c. Any update on Arundel Green Street? No info.
6. Communications - Jackie (10 min)
 - a. End of August - next message. Focus on Casey Tree Planting opportunity
7. [Casey Trees Urban Tree Summit](#)
 - a. If folks interested, in past city has paid for registration.

8. Next meeting date

- a. September 28, 2023
- b. Brief discussion about in person meeting and options - maybe something to think about moving forward.

Quote of the night

“You are the monster in my story”

UPDATES

- World Forum on Urban Forests - Cities Forum Friday, October 20, Smithsonian Natural History Museum (free)
 - worldforumonurbanforests.org