



Tree Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2016

Location: Mayor's Conference Room – NDGC

Meeting Started at 2:05 pm

Meeting Attendees: Milenka Hawkins-Bates, Tom Cressman, Colette Berna, John Larson, Kristin Moerler, Paul Wandling, John Albers, Tom Brobst and Hillary Hamilton

Absent: Arno Bergstrom, Dan Robinson, Bob Dollar and Kevin McFarland (SUF)

1. Call to order.
2. Committee member's reviewed and approved last meetings DRAFT notes from May 19, 2016.
3. Milenka Hawkins-Bates informed the committee members that the Landscaping Specifications & Details has been completed, distributed and added to the City of Bremerton's website. Department of Natural Resources liked that soil design examples were included.
4. Kristin Moerler and Paul Wandling provided development updates. 1) Eastpark is working on a proposal which will be shown to the Homeowner's Association before the city; the city is giving Eastpark time to work with the homeowners first. 2) An application has been submitted by Kitsap Transit for a transit center, pull out and traffic signal revision with frontage on Wheaton Way. 3) Building Permit for residential apartment style multifamily unit between Arby's and the Arena on the west side of Wheaton Way. 4) Logging permit for 18 acre site behind the old Lowe's building; would like trees cut down to deal with transient problem.
5. Kevin McFarland is working on tree inventory. Department of Natural Resources work has been transmitted into the city's GIS system. Mayor Lent would like a presentation in August/September from the tree committee that show cases tree inventory.

6. Discussion on dates for tree pruning and tree planting workshop; late September or early October. Ben Thompson with Urban Forestry will help. More details will be provided at the next tree committee meeting in September.
7. Request was made by a resident of Bremerton to have trees on Washington Ave & 11th Street trimmed or possibly removed. Trees in question are located in the city right-of-way. An arborist will evaluate the health of the trees and Kristin Moerler will also evaluate to make sure the trees requested are not being removed for view.
8. Public Works received a request from the Navy to trim the trees near NBK fence at Montgomery Avenue; Navy feels that the trees are getting too big. Dana Coggon with Kitsap County is currently working with the Department of Natural Resources crew and will allow the city to borrow the crew for half a day to complete this request.
9. Milenka Hawkins-Bates provided an update on the Gregory Way trees. The trees have been removed and stumps were ground down instead of being removed due to utilities.
10. Mayor Lent has asked Milenka Hawkins-Bates to attend the Partners in Community Forestry Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana in November 2016. Milenka provided a brief overview of the conference.

Additional Items

- Grant for design was submitted through Ecology for 11th St & Manette; has not been announced yet.
- Working on canopy coverage percentage using aerial photographs in the urban area.
- Active logging of 23 acres in the Lake Tahuya area.
- County, City and Ueland Tree Farm working on a regional trail plan that will start at Jarstad Park.
- Community Trees Seminar in Poulsbo, WA on August 10, 2016.
- Parks Department & Public Works will work on updating the Bremerton Municipal Code (BMC)

11. Next meeting Thursday, September 15, 2016 2:00 pm / Evergreen Park

12. Meeting Adjourned – 3:10 pm

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