

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2012 – 4:15pm
Cravath Lakefront Room – 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of minutes for July 24, 2012; work on draft minutes for September 28th special meeting.
5. Citizens are invited to speak to agenda items as they appear on the agenda. There is a 3 minute limit on these comments.
6. Planning and Architectural Board Report (Coburn)
7. Parks and Recreation Board Report (Knedler)
8. Emerald Ash Borer : Organizing Whitewater's and Urban Forestry Commission's response in galvanizing citizen involvement to Save Our Ash trees.
Private/Public response to save our ash trees – City budget; different responsibilities
Creation of 'ad hoc committee' with responsibilities for spearheading or serving as clearing house for EAB matters. Could be called a 'task force', 'citizen committee', 'work sessions with designated agenda'.
Name has implications.

James Hartwick – **UW-W Public Educational Forum on
Emerald Ash Borer**

**Thursday , October 4th , 2012 at Timmerman
Auditorium
Hyland Hall, Starin Rd., UW-W Campus**

All interested individuals invited.

Publicity for program and future activities.

9. Proposed yearly calendar draft (Nass)
10. Tree selection, orders, siting (follow-up to special meeting.) (Nass and

members)

11. Tree cuts/pruning/other maintenance or construction related updates;
(Nass)
12. Citizen Comments: No formal action will be taken during this meeting,
Although issues raised may become part of a future agenda.
Participants are allowed a 3 minute speaking period.
13. Tentative agendas for upcoming meetings
October 23, 2012 – Emerald Ash Borer and city budget
Tree orders (Nass with UFC member input)
Extra trees for Cravath Lake Park – Carnival owner’s input (Coburn,
McCulloch)
November 27, 2012 –Joint meeting with Dave Saalsaa and Downtown
Whitewater Committee on downtown trees as part of downtown
streetscape.

Next Meeting : Tuesday, October 23, 2012

**City of Whitewater
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Tuesday, July 24, 2012**

Call to order by Chairperson, Tiiu Gray-Fow.

Roll call:

Members present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Karen McCulloch, Karen Coburn, Andrew Crone, Bev Stone

City staff present: Chuck Nass,

Citizens Present: James Hartwick, Roy Nosek

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Karen Coburn, second by Andrew Crone, Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2012 meeting:

Motion by Bev Stone, second by Andrew Crone

Requested Amendments: Chuck Nass, not Karen Coburn said Gingko. Karen Richard Helmick was present, S farm should read city tree farm. Unanimous approval.

Planning and Architectural Board Report:

Nass stated that landscaping for Golden State Foods plan went through as discussed. Nass has new report for Lavel industries, removing 3 trees. Planting 10 trees. And many other plantings. (Knedler arrives to the meeting at this point)

Parks and Recreation Board Report:

Knedler stated that Pepsi grant has deadline to spend money. It was decided in past few weeks to earmark the money to the infield, as other possible expenditures for Pepsi's money toward other aspects of the project are not ready to be spent yet. Grass infield was never considered in possible price options.

Emerald Ash Borer in Walworth County-impact on Whitewater

Nass: can't say its not in Whitewater. He is using bark scrapes on two trees that will be coming down anyway. Scrapes have an 80% chance of catching. Traps have 30% chance. Arbor jet "treeage" is the treatment the city will use to treat some trees. All city trees are mapped with 13.38% of trees are ash; which is over 500 trees. Possibility to treat over 80% of trees. (Knedler arrives at the meeting at this point) \$30,000 per year to treat these trees. It lasts for three years. Need level 3 certification to use "treeage". It uses a hole drilled, into the tree and a hydraulic

needle. Whitewater had money in a tree budget. Most of the money has been spent by the council on other things.

Nosek asks to find out where it the money in the tree budget went. Money was there, but over few years it went to offset other budge items.

Brainstorming on methods to galvanize citizen involvement in a Private/Public response to save our ash trees.

James Hartwick: Estimate for taking down a 20-inch tree are \$925, \$900, \$1200. 100% kill rate if there is no treatment. October 4th is "saving your ash" forum at UWW. It will describe best practices, public private partnership. (Jay Craggs arrived at this point)

Discussion on opting in or out or having your terrace tree treated. Discussion about having the city paid to treat private trees. Neighborhood groups could collectively call arborists to treat neighborhood trees. Look for ways to involve the university.

Extra trees for Cravath Lake Park

Postponed. Nass stated that all the proposed tree spots on carnival map have been GPSed.

Bird City update:

Postponed. Meeting for August 28: Carl Schwartz to present on bird city.

Proposed yearly calendar draft:

Postponed

Tree cuts/pruning/other maintenance

7500-8000 gallants per day used on watering.

Comments:

Nosek asked about the plan to allow him a chance to give a slide show on tree species selection.

Future Agenda items

At the next meetings, Schwartz will get 45 minutes 4:15 to 5:00, Nosek will get half hour, 5:00 to 5:30. Other business will be allowed from 5:30 to 5:45.

Adjourn

Motion by McCulloch, second by Jay Craggs, Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrew Crone