

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 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 September 4, 2012 and September 25, 2012.
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. UFC's Emerald Ash Borer Ad Hoc Committee Report (Coburn, McCulloch)
7. Update on Forestry and Emerald Ash Borer treatment Budget issues (Nass)
8. Planning and Architectural Board Report (Coburn)
9. Parks and Recreation Board Report (Knedler)

10. Tree cuts/pruning/other maintenance or construction related updates; (Nass)
11. 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.

12. Tentative agenda for upcoming meeting

November 27, 2012 –Joint meeting with Dave Saalsaa and Downtown Whitewater Committee on downtown trees as part of downtown streetscape.
Tree selection, orders, siting, extra trees for Cravath Lake Park – Carnival owner's input (Nass, Coburn, McCulloch, and members)

13. Adjournment

Next Meeting : Tuesday, November 27, 2012

**City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2012**

Call to order by Karen McCulloch, designated chair.

Roll call:

Members present: , Karen McCulloch, Karen Coburn, Andrew Crone, Bev Stone, Brandon Knedler, Jay Craggs

City staff present: Brian Neumeister

Citizens Present: Roy Nosek, Richard Ehrenberg

Agenda: Special meeting is only to hear reports from previously scheduled citizen speakers. This meeting is called on this date because the regularly scheduled meeting on August 28, 2012 lacked a quorum.

Guest Speakers:

Speaker Roy Nosek: Tree Selection and Planting Methods.

Each member received a copy of the speech to follow as Roy read from the script. The information included: tree species and their attributes, site placing, format (bare root, etc.), and planting time.

Slides illustrated various points in the presentation. Considerations presented were the quadrant planting system, survey procedures, planting methods, native and non-native choices, the case for diversity, and placement of ornamental trees.

We discussed how the Emerald Ash Tree Borer arrival in Whitewater might impact the Quadrant Plan for planting. Questions presented were whether to plant many small trees as ready made replacements (Cambridge Tree Project), using an auger to plant trees more quickly, and a more flexible planting season by storing bare root trees in pea gravel which could lead to more Fall planting and less summer watering.

Richard Ehrenberg passed out copies with extensive information concerning Native species. We didn't have time to cover the information but may do so at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Coburn

**City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

Call to order by Chairperson, Tiiu Gray-Fow.

Roll call:

Members present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, Karen McCulloch, Karen Coburn, Andrew Crone.
Jay Craggs and Brendan Knedler arrived later.
Bev Stone, absent

City staff present: Chuck Nass,

Citizen: Roy Nosek, Richard Ehrenberg

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Karen Coburn, second by Karen McCulloch,
Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes of July 24, 2012 meeting:

Motion by Karen Coburn, second by Andrew Crone,

Discussion: Gray-Fow that minutes should show that Jay Craggs volunteered to look at the costs of ribbons. Nass said the minutes be corrected to show that the emerald ash borer treatment would be \$7000 per year. Also change typo "it the money" to "the money." Jay Craggs shows up at this point. Says good morning advertiser can't get ribbons, will look at another place.

Minutes approved as modified unanimously.

Citizen James Hartwick arrives.

Planning and Architectural Review Board Report

Nothing to Report

Parks and Recreation Board Report

Skip because Brandon is not here

Emerald Ash Bore:

McCulloch asked for clarification on whether city will fund the identification of private trees.

Gray-Fow reported on the process for establishing an Ad Hoc Committee under the UFC to concentrate on Emerald Ash Borer issues and report back to the Committee oas a whole. The City Council had charged the UFC with that task at the previous Council meeting. She called the city attorney. The attorney said we need to have the

approval of the Parks and Recreation Board to establish such a committee. The same would be true if UFC members are present as official UFC members on a task force.

James Hartwick talked about creating a Public /Private ad hoc. He will work with university to make a database. He is looking for a decision by us to decide now about creating an ad hoc committee. Crone and Craggs discuss uncertainty of whether a public committee would be more effective or efficient than fully private groups in being able to address EAB issues on private land. Craggs leaves meeting .

Nass states the main thing is to know what the city council will fund.

He wants option to protect trees with 4-24 inch diameters. Cost would then be reduced to \$7,000 per year to treat. Park and Recreation is not looking into treating EAB but wants to do partner tree strategies while cutting down Emerald Ash trees as they succumb to the disease.

Chuck says not all trees in that size limit would be treated. Knedler arrives at meeting.

Motion by Gray-Fow:

Gray-Fow and Nass will go to the park board and request that EAB treatment be included (they had previously decided not to budget any money for it at all) in their budget:

Motion:

Since it is more economic to save the trees rather than paying to cut down all trees by letting them die, the park board should include in their budget funding to treat selected ash trees with a diameter of 4 to 24 inches and continued funding through the life of those trees, or as the forester sees fit to apply alternate strategies including partnering.

second by Karen McCulloch,
Unanimous approval.

Motion by Gray-Fow:

Request the Park and Rec board for approval to establish an ad hoc committee with responsibility to act as clearing house for EAB responsibilities as requested by City council. Committee should include park and Rec members in addition to citizens of Whitewater.

Second by Crone.

Approved: Gray-Fow, Coburn, McCulloch, Knedler

Opposed Crone:

Proposed yearly calendar:

Calendar is handed out.

Tree selection

Nass states that trees will be ordered in December after they know money is available from council. Budget is voted on first week of December, he will check availability form vendors in November.

Tree cuts and Pruning :

There was a problem on Cravath Street. Individuals knocked down five trees. A man followed these individuals and called police. The trees were four years old.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrew Crone