

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 26, 2013 – 4:30 pm
Cravath Lakefront Room – 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Citizens are invited to speak to agenda items as they appear on the agenda. There is a 3 minute limit on these comments.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Considerations:

1. Approval of Agenda – Items can be removed but not added to the agenda.
2. Approval of minutes for October 22, 2013.
3. Downtown Design Steering Committee meeting report. (City Forester Nass, Gray-Fow, Coburn).
4. Summary of Wild Things presentation on landscaping as a way of replenishing the water table. (Coburn)

Action item:

1. Budget update (City Forester Nass)
2. Tree Orders (Nass)
3. Bird City

Board Reports:

Planning and Architectural Board - Landscaping (Coburn).
Parks and Recreation Board - (Knedler).

Staff Reports:

City Forester (Nass)

*General tree cuts/pruning/maintenance/ construction related updates/planting updates , tree damage

Hearing of 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.

There will be no December meeting.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Mariette Nowak presentation on Native Trees and Bird Habitat.

Meeting will be held at the Commons Room of the Irving Young Memorial Library.

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Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Chair, Tiiu Gray-Fow.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Karen McCulloch, Karen Coburn, Beverly Stone, Tom Miller, Brandon Knedler, Tiiu Gray-Fow. Staff Present: City Forester, Chuck Nass.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Miller to approve agenda. Seconded by Coburn. Passed unanimously.

Approval of UFC Minutes of September 24, 2013 Meeting:

Stone moved to approve, but with the addition of the September tree tour/field trip overlooking problem areas, new plantings, and the city's tree farm.

Coburn moved to amend minutes to include field trip. McCulloch seconded. Unanimous approval of minutes as amended.

Downtown Design Committee Update:

Richard Helmick and Bruce Parker are Co-Chairs of steering committee for Downtown Design Committee. Gray-Fow reported that Dave Saalsaa announced that the first meeting would be in 2-3 weeks.

Bird City:

Chuck Nass stated that he had no time to meet with Carl Schwartz of Bird City to move forward the application process. He asked McCulloch to contact Schwartz with possible future dates.

Mariette Nowak Brochure on Native Trees and Bird Habitat:

Coburn led discussion on the possibility of having Mariette Nowak present to the UFC and the public in the UFC January meeting on how to set up a habitat for birds. Meeting is tentatively set for January 28, 4:30pm in the Common Room at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library in Whitewater with the intent that the tree order might be made per Nowak's recommendations. Discussion followed about how to promote and inform the public about the meeting. Whitewater Banner will be asked to post information. Coburn hoped to offer a stipend of some kind to Ms. Nowak.

Action Items:

Annual Review of Tree Selection List

Discussion ensued regarding proper selection of terrace trees. Fruit trees are allowable in parks, but not as terrace trees. Nass reviewed types of trees listed in Mariette Nowak's

brochure for bird habitat. Talk progressed regarding population of female vs. male trees, since female trees are a better food source for many birds. Nass pointed out past trouble with certain trees and their replacement at no cost. Nass and the commission addressed some concerns a citizen had about a specific variety of tree in last year's order, which he thought would not do well in our climate. Nass assured us that that we have not lost a single tree of that variety. Another concern was that late orders might result in problems getting desired varieties. Nass stated that we've not had problems getting those desired trees. McCulloch brought to attention several damaged tree guards on North Prince Street and to consider replacements after the university's homecoming celebration. Questions were answered regarding general age of selected trees as well as rate of tree growth. Nass stated that the City of Whitewater will select a special tree to honor the late Whitewater citizen and historian Fred Kraege. The tree will be planted in the spring at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library.

Planning and Architectural Board Report:

No Report

Parks and Recreation Board Report:

Knedler reported nothing new on Treyton's Field of Dreams. A weed harvester has been approved for use in lakes to control weed growth, although the use of chemicals may still be an option for use in channels. A date for a possible Cravath Lake Stakeholders' meeting has not been set.

Next Meeting:

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Motion to Adjourn:

Miller moved to adjourn. Coburn seconded. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen McCulloch
Secretary, pro-tem