

**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