

City of Whitewater  
Urban Forestry Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, October 22, 2013. 4:30pm  
Cravath Lakefront Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Municipal Building  
312 West Whitewater Street, Whitewater, Wi 53190

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:**

Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Miller moved to adjourn. Coburn seconded. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen McCulloch  
Secretary, pro-tem