

City of Whitewater
Urban Forestry Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Roll Call:

Members present: Tiiu Gray-Fow, chair, Karen McCulloch, Beverly Stone, Brandon Knedler, Tom Miller, Karen Coburn
Members absent: Andrew Crone
Staff: Chuck Nass, City Forester

Agenda approval: Motion by Miller to move citizen's comments to the beginning of the meeting. Stone seconded. Unanimous approval of amended agenda.

Minutes from August 27, 2013 approval. Motion by Stone, second by Knedler. Unanimous approval.

Streetscape Design Steering Committee: Gray-Fow led discussion for appointing a UFC representative to this committee formed by the Downtown Design Committee. Gray-Fow volunteered and Coburn will serve as an alternate.

Bird City: Nass asked McCulloch to find out who should be contacted and what information is needed. McCulloch agreed to get the information back to him.

Vice Chairperson: Gray-Fow nominated Coburn. Stone seconded. Unanimous approval.

Plan Board report. Coburn reported that the Stritzel property to be developed on Tratt St. was keeping 90% of the many trees on the lot. And, the field concession stand was keeping the large oak tree near-by and shade trees were to be planted for the picnic area.

City Web Site: UFC minutes had not appeared on the city's website. That has been corrected. Also, when trying to access UFC information, it often disappeared as the pointer moved down the page.

Treyton Field of Dreams: Nass reported that they have begun digging and that no more trees are being removed. 30 more trees will be added at the park.

East Milwaukee Street: Nass said that 6 trees had died out of 52. They will be removed in the Spring. Also, the Princeton Elms will be replaced because the nursery improperly cut the roots.

Gray-Fow: We should consider putting buckets out right away when planting new trees. Nass said that we can expect to lose 10 to 12%. He said that they had been filling 15 gallon buckets weekly. He added that the transplanted trees were doing well.

McCulloch: How many trees were lost in the drought last year? Noticed that no Ivory Lilacs were lost.

Nass: Will report in Nov. what trees species will be planted on E. Main.

Gray-Fow: Will terraces from Newcomb St. to the round-a-bout, on both sides of the street be wide enough to accommodate tree planting. Nass said yes and that the sidewalks will remain as is.

Stone moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Coburn. Unanimously passed.

Respectively submitted by

Karen Coburn, Acting Secretary.