

CITY OF WHITEWATER
10th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday November 9, 2010 - 4:15 p.m.
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by chair -Tiiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Karen McCulloch, Tom Miller, Prudence Negley, Beverly Stone. Members absent - Wyatt Welter. Staff present - Matt Amundson, Chuck Nass. Others present - Roy Nosek. A Quorum of four members is needed to conduct business.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by consensus.
3. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: MOTION by Miller and second by McCulloch to approve minutes of 9-21-10. Unanimous approval. MOTION by Miller and second by Stone to approve minutes of 10-12-10. There was unanimous approval. with a comment that our concern with regard to the use of pesticide for EAB be emphasized.
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Roy Nosek called our attention to a tree near the corner of Fremont and W. Main street which needs a tree guard to protect it from vandalism.
5. PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REPORT. Miller brought the Walmart landscape plan for us to see. Amundson said the plan for building extension has been reviewed and approved by the city council and the P&ARB, with contingencies. The landscape plan has not yet been finalized. These types of projects are reviewed on a monthly basis by the PMT. Bruce Parker has the only set of plans. An intense discussion ensued regarding our desire to see and be able to review landscape plans which are discussed at P&ARB meetings so that we can add our concerns related to urban forestry. The possible loss of the 33ft. wide green space which provides a visual buffer between the huge asphalt parking lot and W. Main street, and that citizens in the past fought for by demonstrations, may now be partially removed to provide a few additional parking spaces. Roots of the large existing oak tree may be damaged.
6. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT. A revote by the P&RB on acceptance of our Landscape ordinance passed by a 4-1 vote The ordinance will go to the Common Council for its first review and vote on November 16th. A change was made to the ordinance, that landscape plans be submitted to Dean Fisher for processing.
7. EMERALD ASH BORER: Nass submitted information regarding chemicals used for treating EAB, to be included in the EAB Management Plan. We talked about concern for the misuse of chemical and possible bad side effects, and the need to have an actual plan for their use and a plan to invite citizens to pay for treatment of street trees in front of their properties. MOTION by Stone and second by McCulloch to submit the Management Plan to the P&RB for their approval without adding any information on an approach to save any ash trees. YES- Negley, McCulloch, Miller, Stone. NO- Ehrenberg, Gray-Fow. Motion carried.
8. FUTURE WORK SESSION: Our chair will aim for a thursday at 4 p.m.
9. SPRING 2011 TREE PLANTING: Nass handed out a copy of his plan which included a list of trees and locations for small trees and shade trees. Roy Nosek suggested the W. Main be added to the list of locations since existing sugar and schwedler maple trees are dieing due to

salt treatment during the winter. The plan will be finalized at the December meeting. Nass plans to notify each property owner regarding planting a city tree in front of their property.

10. STAFF REPORT: Nass reported that Brian Newmeister on the staff has become a certified arborist, and that Andy Beckman is also studying to become a certified arborist. Nass reported that the smaller tree on the south entrance to this building was broken off by a vandal and thus removed. A guard needs to be installed to protect any new planting since this is about the 3rd time this has occurred at that location. Nass said the street tree near the Marathon grass station on W. Main was removed because of storm damage.

11. ADJOURN: MOTION by Stone with second by Miller to adjourn.

Next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2010

Secretary - Richard Ehrenberg