

CITY OF WHITEWATER
7th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, September 21, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI

DRAFT - MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL.** Meeting called to order by chair - Tiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Richard Ehrenberg, Tiu Gray-Fow, Prudence Negley, Karen McCulloch, Tom Miller, Beverly Stone. Members Absent - Wyatt Welter (5th absence). Staff present - Chuck Nass. Visitor present - Roy Nosek. Karen McCulloch is welcomed as a new member. A quorum of four members is needed to conduct business. An audio recording will be made of the meeting.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Approved by consensus.
3. **MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: MOTION** by Negley and second by McCulloch to approve the minutes of 7-13-10 with two word changes. Unanimous approval. **MOTION** by Stone and second by Negley to approve the minutes for 8-10-10 with a date change. Unanimous approval.
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Roy Nosek urged us to develop next spring's planting plan now before leaf drop so that we can determine which trees are dead and dying and to be able to mark the sites before snow fall and determine what trees to order and to use the quadrant plan approach developed fifteen years ago. Secondly he urged us to develop a plan to address the Emerald Ash Borer problem that will come to Whitewater. Chuck Nass said he has a plan ready for us to review and will send it to members tomorrow by e-mail.
5. **PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL BOARD REPORT:** No information is known about the landscape plan for Walmart. One member saw a plan that showed the large lawn, green space next to West Main Street to be eliminated by parking spaces. Another member who was on the P&AB when Walmart built the original store remembers citizens fighting hard to save that green space. Since Tom Miller is the representative of the P&AB it was our hope that matters related to urban forestry would be communicated to us. Miller and Nass will check into the Walmart landscaping and get back to us. The Urban Forestry ordinance 1752A, states in 2.52.090 (2) **POWERS AND DUTIES.** (0) "Provide upon request, on such terms and conditions as determined by the requesting body, plan review and technical assistance to the Planning & Zoning Commission and any other board, committee or commission of the city and provide technical advice and assistance with respect to matters affecting the urban forest to the public." It is true, our review was not requested, but we would like Miller to convey to the P&AB our desire to have them request our review of important issues.
6. **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT:** The P&RB have been informed that we are finalizing our landscape ordinance. No other urban forestry issues are being dealt with at the P&RB.
7. **WORK SESSION REPORT:** The landscape ordinance was finalized for review by the city attorney and a brief review of the tree planting policy was done on 9-16-10.
8. **LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE:** A review of Wally McDonnell's draft was done with some changes being made. A final review will prepare the ordinance for presentation to the Parks and Recreation Board by Negley. **MOTION** by Stone and second by Miller to leave the noxious

weed list as is without the scientific names. Ayes - Negley, Miller, Stone. Nays - Ehrenberg, Gray-Fow, McCulloch. Because of a tie further discussion ensued. A revote resulted in a unanimous vote to include the scientific names.

9. ADJOURN: MOTION by Stone and Second by Negley to adjourn.

Next meeting scheduled for October 12, 2010

secretary - Richard Ehrenberg 9-22-10