

City of Whitewater Urban Forestry Commission Agenda

October 24, 2022 4:30 PM

City of Whitewater Municipal Building

Cravath Lakefront Room, 2nd Floor

312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order:

Roll Call:

Hearing of Citizens Comments: No formal action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time, however citizens are invited to speak on specific issues as the UFC discusses them.

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of September 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Treasurer's Report: (Leaver)

Staff Report: (Neumeister) Street tree order update for 2023, Arboretum tree and shrub planting beds update, Starin trees to come down, stumps to be ground, revisit spring pruning volunteer training.

Arboretum Update: Watering of shrubs and trees; Plants Map updating rest of Arb. update, general tree mapping to follow; Estimate pending with LarkLabel for tree tags from that will work with PlantsMap and order (Stanek). Tree planting press release (Oberle)

Welcome and Education Center update (Stanek); Site has been identified and marked. Ross and Russell Walton plans for excavation and construction continue. Nies has organized crew for construction to happen on October 28, 2022. Structure has been delivered to the City Garage. Status of press releases for Generac/structure.

Status of Starin Park's historic water tower (Oberle and McCormick)

Grant progress: Eric Boettcher, Neumeister and Staneks met and discussed status of 2022 DNR Grant. An extension will be requested by Eric Boettcher. CTMI (Stanek), Focus for 2023 after 2022 requirements are completed will be to raise funds to continue educational signage, path development and spring 2023 Community Tree Sale (Alt), as well as further development of the Friends of the Arb (Nies). and other outreach in the community. UFC and City will revisit applying for 2024 next year.

2023 Fundraising Update: (Nies)

Bird City/Bird Talk: Discuss a Christmas Bird Count and decide whether we can do this in 2023 to satisfy Bird City event requirements. Appoint someone to manage this effort. Discussion of declining bird populations in the world.

Items For Future Discussion:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: November 28, 2022