

City of Whitewater Urban Forestry Commission

November 28, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Cravath Lakefront Room - 4:30 p.m. and Virtual

312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

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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 October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Treasurer's Report: (Leaver)

Staff Report: (Neumeister) 2023 Street tree order update, remaining Starin trees to come down, stumps to be ground,

Arboretum Update: Fall Program and Middle School event with shrub planting update (Nies); general tree mapping to continue with (Nies) researching how to get the most accurate gps location; PlantsMap and tree tag order (Stanek).

Welcome and Education Center update (Stanek); Construction nearly completed on October 28, 2022, completed except for roofing November 9. Roofing of the structure to

happen by Serenity Concepts as donation of time on November 23rd. Status of Starin Park's historic water tower (Oberle and McCormick). Basset House Club presentation (Stanek), invitation to present at Senior Center program on February 25, 2023 from 9-2.

Fundraising for 2023: UFC Members to bring contact information for local businesses for (Nies) to pursue

Tree City: Effigy Mounds (Oberle) Library program and Park Board discussion update; Starin water tower update (McCormick)

Grant progress: Eric Boettcher, Neumeister and Staneks will meet with Olivia Witthun, our DNR rep. and discuss the status of 2022 DNR Grant. An extension has been requested by Eric Boettcher. Focus for 2023 after 2022 requirements are completed will be to raise funds (Nies) 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.

Bird City/Bird Talk: 2022 Christmas Bird Count (Chandler) update to satisfy Bird City event requirements. Chandler volunteered to manage this effort. Next steps.

Items For Future Discussion: National Tree Benefit Calculator with Stanek bringing info to January meeting

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: TBD, 2022