

Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Public Works Conference Room- 7:00

Attendees: Matt South and Dave Faiman

Guests: Megan Griffiths-Ward

Absent: Casandra Strudwick, Phil Butto and Susan Kowalske

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 21 meeting were not approved due to a lack of quorum.

Public Comment: Ms. Griffiths-Ward attended the meeting as she is interested in helping out however she can. Her background lends favorably to assisting the Tree Commission at some point in the future.

Reports/Presentations:

City Council Liaison- Mr. Kelemen was not in attendance and there was no report given.

Hudson Garden Club Liaison- Mrs. Olzmann was not in attendance and there was no report given.

Urban Forestry Update- Mr. Hutchinson provided an update on the Arbor Day event which was scheduled for April 26 at Hudson Montessori School. Due to weather concerns, staff reduced the scope of the event and moved it indoors. The event will open with Mayor Basil reading an Arbor Day proclamation. Students will then participate in three different learning stations. Davey Resource Group will lead a hands-on discussion of tree pathology. Hudson Public Power will provide safety information about trees and electricity. Staff and a Tree Commission member will facilitate a planting session for the students. The event will conclude with the planting of an Eastern Redbud on the school's campus. Mr. Hutchinson also noted that City administration continues to work through the process of bringing an Arborist on board.

New Business:

Tree Commission Goals and Objectives- Based on a suggestion at the Tree Commission meeting in February, Mr. Hutchinson led members through a brief discussion of 2019 goals and objectives. While this topic warrants further discussion, several items were noted including community outreach and education, Green on the Green, Ice Cream Social, Phase II landscape plantings, possible drone video highlighting our tree canopy and thermal signatures in and around town, and getting a new arborist out into the public eye.

Closure to Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for June 27 at 7:00 pm at the Public Works Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Minutes were submitted by Eric Hutchinson, Assistant Public Works Director

Matt South, Tree Commission Chairman _____