

Minutes
City of Laurel
Tree 10/5/23
Council Chambers

Attending: Michelle Mize, Paul Kober, Walt Widdis, LuAnne Engh, Phyllis Bromgard

1. Public Input
2. General Items
 - a. August Minutes approved
 - b. Meeting place – Council Conference Room is now the Court Office. We will be meeting in the old Court room from now on, unless it's used and then we'll be upstairs. The Council Chambers is too large for our group
 - c. Possible new board members – Pat Hart & Dan Fevold (Sylvan Nursery)
 - d. Arbor Day funds: City \$776 Laurel Foundation: \$925
 - e. Arbor Day 2024: Tuesday May 7th Kiwanis Park
 - f. Logo and Theme – Quinn Butler, grade 7 School of Life, Trees=Beauty & Opportunity
 - g. We are planning 2-3 trees on the west side of the playground to shade the equipment.
 - h. MUCFA – Kelly never received any invoice from them so LuAnne will follow up
 - i. Library trees – 2 trees were planted on Oct 3rd by Sylvan Nursery. One will be dedicated to Jean Carol Thompson and a marker will be placed until a permanent plaque is made. Nancy the Librarian will make sure they are watered. Bright n Beautiful paid for one and Arbor Day paid for the other. (\$270 each)
 - j. The fallen crab tree in the Chamber park was replaced with another crab by the Laurel garden club

New Business

- a. The idea of facilitating a 3rd grade leaf clean up this Fall doesn't seem to work with the school schedule. Let's bring this up next year.
- b. Matt has said the city has money for underground sprinklers in Kiwanis Park and possibly Nutting Park \$87,000 – These parks are the only ones left that don't have automatic watering.
- c. Tree Education – with the new south side 4th Street boulevards, the property owners will need to be notified the trees are their responsibility. It's unsure when the trees will be planted. LuAnne will search for the letter we sent out for 8th Ave boulevards.

- d. Fall Tree Care – LuAnne wanted to see an article in the Outlook about how to care for your trees in the Fall – when to stop watering, prep against deer, fertilizing, etc. She will ask Jackie Webb to help with an article.
- 3. Old Business
 - a. DNRC grant – Matt says we should qualify this year. Michelle said she would help with the application this year
- 4. Other Items
 - a. Volunteer hours – Keep your hours for all meetings, time spent on Arbor Day or any other project as this helps when applying for grants.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 9th, 4:30 Council Conference room – we moved the meeting to the next week to maximize attendance.