

Minutes
City of Laurel
Tree 11/9/23
Council Chambers

Attending: Paul Kober, Walt Widdis, LuAnne Engh, Bridget Coleman, Dan Fevold, guest

1. Public Input
2. General Items
 - a. October 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
 - c. Guest: Dan Fevold (Sylvan Nursery) is interested in helping our cause. Currently there are no open board seats, so Dan will attend as a resource until a position opens. Dan has wonderful experience and knowledge working for Sylvan. We look forward to his expertise and ideas.
 - d. Arbor Day funds: City \$506 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. Fundraising: We expect we will need \$3,000 for trees and the meal we offer. The fundraising letter is finished thanks to Walt Widdis and will be shared with all committee members. There isn't a need to start approaching contacts until January.
 - h. We are planning 2-3 trees on the west side of the playground to shade the equipment.
 - i. MUCFA – Kelly never received any invoice from them so LuAnne will still follow up
 - j. Library trees – Earlier today, the Bright n Beautiful committee dedicated the new Norway Maple planted at the Laurel Library in memory of Jean Carrol Thompson. Nancy Schmidt, librarian said she would care for the tree.
 - k. The idea of the 3rd grade leaf clean up was well received by Lynn Peterson, Graff Principal and the Garden club who would help supervise. However, we started too late in planning so we should bring this up again next year.

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. Tree Education – South 4th street is finished but trees haven't been added yet. When that happens we need to send the property owners a letter explaining their part in caring for these trees.

- c. Fall Tree Care – LuAnne sent an article to the Laurel Outlook about Fall tree care which ran in the paper November 16th. This is in our archives for future use.
 - d. Laurel Chamber is working on two projects to better downtown Laurel. They are planning to add new trees and lighting to Main street and sidewalks and lighting to Railroad street. LuAnne met with Kami, Chamber secretary, and asked if our board could help advise on tree selection.
- 3. Old Business
 - a. DNRC grant – Michelle has graciously agreed to collect the volunteer hours and apply for the grant which is offered in December. She is following this.
- 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, December 7th, 4:30 Council Conference room