

Laurel Tree Board Meeting
Minutes
10-3-24
Council Conference room

Attendance: Matt Wheeler, Tom Canape, LuAnne Engh, Bridget Coleman, Michelle Mize, city attorney, Michelle Braukman

1. Public Input
2. General Items.
 - a. September minutes
 - b. Members – currently we have 5 members, Michelle Mize, Tom Canape (council members), Bridget Coleman, LuAnne Engh and Phyllis Bromgard. We've asked the City Council to drop our committee from 7 to 5 since we can't keep enough for quorum. We still have advisors in Aaron Christensen and Dan Fevold. LuAnne would like to resign in November.
 - c. Trees on public lands/boulevards - City Attorney – Michelle Braukman – reported her research on how the city ordinance is written for the tree board responsibilities. She is going to bring us some updates at the next meeting where it will be more clear what our board is supposed to do.
 - d. Arbor Day – Oct. 8th Thomson Park 12-3pm We will have 130 students with Graff and New Life attending. They will bring sack lunches. We'll have soup and sandwich for the adults. We'll provide ice cream bars. The program will highlight the 2024 tee shirt designer, Quinn Butler. We'll have the American Legion honor the flag and the fireman will be there with the trucks. Seven presenters have agreed to attend. Students will return to their schools before 3:00.
 - e. DNRC – report-Tree Inventory. Two wards still need to be finished. We decided to attempt this next Spring when the trees leaf out in May
 - f. Jean Carol Library Tree – the plaque from Bright n Beautiful will be installed soon. It's black granite with white lettering. Granite can be placed directly in the ground without concrete.
 - g. Tree maintenance – Matt had Patrick trim the Thomson Park trees for \$7,000.
 - h. Arbor Day Accounts – City \$100 – Foundation - \$2014 –

Old Business

1. Grants for the future
2. Volunteer hours – please fill sheets out and return to Michelle by December.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10

Next Meeting: December 5, 2024