



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

July 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Joe, Lisa, Deb, Liz

City: Michael Colliver

May and June 2021 Minutes approved

Report of Hours: Lisa-5, Deb-5, Joe-4, Liz-5

Persons to be heard Joe talked to Rebecca and she wanted a few items brought up. She wanted to know if we can do a clean up on the round about. Michael said that there is no agreement with DOT except for the mowing area around swan lake. He could find no agreement regarding the round about. If the committee is willing to volunteer to work on the round about, that is OK, but the city cannot invest in the project without an agreement with DOT. He recommends reaching out to Kelly Boddy for information. Lisa will reach out to her. (907) 966-2960 is the office number. Deb will reach out to Penny to see if she wants the birdbath back. Michael also recommended asking Kelly if she has an MOU. Rebecca also wanted to know the protocol for knotweed around town. For knotweed, the only plan is to dig it out. The city had been requested to not use herbicides.

Michael – Along a portion of the seawalk, between the Science Center and Totem park, the SEAL Trust is planning to add some informational signage. Michael discussed the work done on Peterson to replace a salmon culvert. The contractors are staging parts near Kimsham. They will be improving the parking when they are done with the project as a trade for using the city property.

There has been a lot of vandalism lately, especially in restrooms, skate park, the Sealing Cove green strip torn up by 4-wheelers, and Pioneer Home access padlock cemented closed. They are having problems finding summer temps, currently short two people. Usually they have many more applicants than positions. There are a couple of agencies looking to place volunteers. Michael is working with them to see if a standard MOU can be used. If not, it takes time and effort to work through the city legal department to use volunteers. One last bit of good news. We have an outstanding temp on cleaning duty.

Old Business – Arbor Day / Tree City The Mayor did our Arbor day proclamation. The arbor day project was mentioned in the proclamation. Deb thinks that Rebecca had something in the paper for the Fire Hall Arbor Day Project. Michael and Deb have photos of the Fire Hall project.

New Business – Round-about: Lisa will reach out to Kelly at the DOT to see if it is OK to weed the round-about. Or talk about a hardscaping project. Or see if they have the MOU with the city for this area.

Next project: Weeding at Centennial Hall – a half moon bed out the front door near Harbor Way is a weedy mess. We will work on this next Sunday, July 18th, 9am. If we have more time, there are more beds that need attention.

Maple question from Liz – A local resident had maple tree cut down. New shoots are coming in. They are wondering what to do. Michael responded: Most Maple trees are not grafted. Michael is guessing that the tree is pushing out suckers that grow when the tree is stressed. You can prune it like a shrub instead of expecting it to grow into a new tree. It will never be a strong single leader tree again.

Nancy Yaw Davis told Lisa about her idea to add a planting to the unused bus shelter at Paxton Industrial Park. Nancy wants to fund the project. Lisa will visit the site with Nancy and follow up. Joe mentioned that the area may be part of the new boat haulout. There is considerable DOT right away out there – if the area is in the right away, it will be more complicated to get approval.

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 11 at 5pm via zoom

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore