

Urban Forestry Board (UFB)

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2020
(Approved October 12, 2020)

Board Members Present:

Dave Moyer, Chair
Patricia Cusick
Marcus Peck

Absent:

Patrick Burke

Staff:

Paul Bertagna, Public Works Director
Dan Galecki, Urban Forester
Troy Rayburn, Public Works Project Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Moyer called the Monday, September 14, 2020 regular meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Committee Administrator Troy Rayburn confirmed attendance, quorum present, and Board Member Patrick Burke's excused absence.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Moyer directed Board members to the July 13, 2020 draft meeting minutes and asked if there were any comments or questions. Seeing none, Chair Moyer called for a motion to approve. Board Member Marcus Peck made the motion. Board Member Patricia Cusick second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

III. VISITOR COMMUNICATION

Chair Moyer asked staff to summarize visitor communication process under the auspice of a Zoom meeting. Troy pointed out the information noted on the UFB's advertised agenda and City web site relating to Zoom meeting access. Staff noted there was no one else on the Zoom meeting other than U.F.B. members and staff.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Consideration & Discussion of Two (2) Stemmed Juniper Tree at 771 S. Wrangler Ct.

Chair Moyer read the agenda item into the record and called on Urban Forester Dan Galecki to present his staff report and recommendation. Dan summarized his site visit findings and recommendation.

Chair Moyer called for comments or questions. Board agreed with Urban Forester's recommendation. Seeing no further discussion, Chair Moyer called for a motion from the Board. Board Member Patricia Cusick made the motion per Dan's staff report. Board Member Marcus Peck second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

B. Consideration & Discussion of Homeowner's Request to Remove Two fruit Bearing Cherry Trees at 348 S. Cottonwood

Dan was called on to present his report regarding two fruit bearing trees.

Tree removal request comes down to property owner's personal preference. Dan noted the trees are in good health. Only minor aphid infestation that could be easily alleviated with specific pruning and spraying. The U.F.B. agreed.

Chair Moyer called for a motion seeing no further discussion or questions. Patricia made the motion per the Board's discussion and Dan's recommendation. Marcus second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Urban Forester Update / Status Report Regarding Any Other Issues

Dan did not have any immediate updates. Asked the U.F.B. to contact Paul or Troy at the City if they become aware of tree issues.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Patricia inquired about tree replacement for the large Ponderosa Pine removed from the city right-of-way at 366 W. Jefferson Avenue. Public Works Director Paul Bertagna noted that due to underground infrastructure (sewer) and no irrigation in public rights-of-way it is not feasible to plant replacement tree.

Patricia also asked about replacement trees for two scared ornamental Plum trees at 414 W. Washington Avenue. Troy noted that he called and left a voicemail message after July 13 meeting for the gentlemen who requested the tree removal. He included replacement trees in message. Gentlemen never followed up. Two scared Plum trees still standing as of Sept. 2020.

City Manager Cory Mисley updated the U.F.B. on the financial and legal settlement with adjacent property owner, Ryan Hudson, who illegally cut down mature Ponderosa Pine in public right-of-way on S. Larch Street. Comprehensive newspaper article to appear in The Nugget on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

VII. ADJOURN

Chair Moyer adjourned the Monday, October 12, 2020 Urban Forestry Board meeting at 3:00 PM.