

FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES – January 25, 2022

In attendance:

Carolyn Godfreed	Amy Sakariassen	Erik Dietrich	Mitch Becker
Christy Ames-Davis	Doug Wiles	Mark Zimmerman	Dave Mayer

Absent:

Brett Gurholt	Doug Prchal	Stan Churchill	Greg Zenker
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The meeting was called to order at 12:17 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from the July 20, 2021 & October 19, 2021 regular meeting of the FAB:

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm. Mark Z moved to approve the minutes. Carolyn G seconded the motion. All were in favor & the motion carried.

2021 Forestry Activities Review:

Doug W did a review of trees pruned, removed, & planted for 2021.

Trees Pruned: The Forestry crew pruned approximately 1250 trees & contractors pruned approximately 1,128 trees. The goal each year is 3,000 however due to shortage of staff and number of removals the goal was not met.

Trees Removed: There were over 300 boulevard trees removed mainly due to drought and European elm scale.

Trees Planted: There were 634 boulevard trees planted this year for a total inventory of 24,194.

Parks & Rec: In 2021 Forestry spent 19% of their time toward Parks & Rec. They pruned 250 trees, removed 355 trees, removed 246 stumps, & planted 120 trees for Parks & Rec. Most of the work was done in Lions Park. Forestry also spent a significant amount of time in Riverwood Golf course, removing hazard trees from “in-play” areas.

2022 Pruning Contract:

In 2021 Beaver Creek pruned 720 trees. Beaver Creek will prune 3 project areas: 1) West of S Washington, North of W Reno to Bis Expressway 2) Grandview Loop 3) West of Tyler Parkway North of Burnt Boat Rd to Valley Drive. Beaver Creek will continue with the Forestry contract at \$125 per tree. They are bidding the average tree cost rather than the diameter cost.

European Elm Scale Treatment Update:

2022 budget was approved for \$200,000 injection contract but it has not been put out for RFP yet. The Forestry Division will try to treat 500 trees with staff in 2022. Doug W stated he would like to try to get a couple contractors to perform injections. Amy S stated she had some trees inoculated that showed improvement. Areas of the Cathedral District were treated in 2021.

Partners in Planting/Permits Report

Christy reported for 2021 there was a total of 104 participants in the Partners & Planting Program. There were 247 trees planted, \$19,987.56 funds rebated which averaged \$80 per tree. The main species of trees rebated were maple, lilac, crabapple, & linden. Doug W reported they will be removing maple trees off the approved Street Tree Guide brochure because of low survival rate except for Amur Maple & Tatarian Maple trees. Christy will be sending out letters to landscapers in town to make them aware of the change.

Forestry Inventory/Work Order Management Solutions

Doug W stated he is looking for inventory & management solutions.

2022 Arbor Day

Doug W asked for volunteers for Arbor Day. Christy stated Doug P has committed to help with Arbor Day. Amy S, Brett G, Eric D, & Mark Z volunteered to be on the Arbor Day Committee. Carolyn motioned for Jeff Heintz to be honored at Arbor Day, Mitch seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion passed.

2022 Projects

43rd Ave - Doug W stated one of the projects coming up is on 43rd Street, East of State Street to 26th Street there will be two roundabouts – one on 19th St and on 26th St. Street tree plantings will be included in the 43rd St Improvement project.

Grants - A \$20,000 Urban Forestry Grant was started last Fall to replace trees that had been removed from insect & disease.

Parks and Rec have a tree planting grant at Riverwood Golf Course this year. Lions Park tree planting project will be the grant application to be submitted this spring.

FAB Vacancy Discussion

Two applications were submitted for the Forestry Advisory Board position that is open. Mark Z moved to accept the application for Dawn Kopp and Eric Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm