

# Community Forestry Advisory Board meeting notes

Location: Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Third Floor

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: \*Lachel Bradley-Williams, Chair, \*Jessica Gieseke, Vice Chair, \*Kendall Weyers, \*Erin Chamber, \*Mark Wilson, \*Patty Ngyuen

Members Absent: Mary Sweeney

Staff Members Present: Lynn Johnson, \*Chris Myers, \*Lorri Grueber, \*Adam Klingenberg, Bryan Tlamka

Members of the public present: None

\*Members attending via Zoom\*

## Agenda items

1. Call to Order: This was a work session due to the fact all board members attended via Zoom. Meeting start time 4:04 pm.
2. Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Bryan Tlamka. Members required for a Quorum is 4. 0 members physically present.
3. Approval of previous minutes: Approval of the November 10, 2020 meeting minutes will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting when a quorum is present.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Committee Reports:

Events Committee: Lachel Bradley-Williams discussed the 9:00 a.m. May 1<sup>st</sup> tree distribution event at Star City Shores. 250 trees will be distributed. Work is currently underway to partner with the Lincoln Parks Foundation for future sponsorship and donations at tree distribution events.

Policy Committee: Endorsement of recommendations regarding amendments to the development process for street trees will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting when a quorum is present.

The board reviewed the recent letter that was drafted and distributed to participating nurseries regarding the street tree voucher program. The value of street tree vouchers was recently increased to \$250.00.

Future policy committee topics will include (1) generating an outline for a citywide master street tree plan and (2) evaluating the street tree surety program to ensure that funding is adequate for the planting of future trees.

Recommendation from the last policy committee meeting to send a new letter to local nurseries requesting the discontinuation of Callery pear trees due to its invasive nature.

6. Staff Reports:

Review of the Performance Measures report for Fiscal year 2019-2020 was postponed and will be presented during the next CFAB meeting.

Community Forestry has reorganized staff in order to work through back logged tree requests. Forty outstanding tree removals exist from 2019. Stump crews currently have 828 removals planned. Removals and pruning request are for year 2020 are 1,748. Two stump grinding crews will run indefinitely to process the back log. Four additional Arborist I employees will be taking the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) exam in the spring of 2021.

The EAB response and recovery program is currently working in the Meadowlane neighborhood. Approximately 60 large Ash trees have been identified. Trees that are not adopted by homeowners will be prepped for contractor removal over the next couple of weeks. Contracted Ash tree stump grinding continues.

Tree planting projects- 2021 Spring and Fall tree planting bids are in progress. Focus will be on planting trees in parks and arterial streets. The arterial street tree plantings are associated with developer buyouts. The Arbor Day Foundation is working with Kaylyn Nerverve on a future tree planting at other park locations.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

8. Notes prepared by Bryan Tlamka, Office Specialist.

Next meeting June 8, 2021