

FOREST BOARD MINUTES JULY 12, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Dorn Crawford, Chairperson Leah Netherland, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Nancy Shelton, Gil Zinner, Marie Eff, Dale Kinney, Anne Bobigian, Mick Vissing, Rick Vissing, Sarah Hitt.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved without correction.

BUDGET:

Leah reported that the 2017-18 budget granted the Forest Board the full \$31,040 that was requested.

Leah reported that she will have the report from the City Council meeting each month to show where we are with our spending. After discussion it was decided that she will ask Susan to e mail her the transaction details by account so that we know exactly what has been spent.

Anne's budget spreadsheet will be our master plan and Anne will update it with Susan's transaction details each month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Leah reported that mulch was delivered to Robin and Henderson Parks. Ryan stated that the delivery to Henderson was actually a miscommunication. Mulch is still needed in Oriole. Leah will contact Tony Williams with dates we can do mulch in order to see if he can help with putting the word out about volunteers. It was decided that we will spread the mulch in Robin on 7/22, starting at 8:30.

Marie reported that she has a drawing of where to put the water meter in Henderson (across from 930 Dove Lane.) A City representative, such as Dorn, will have to contact the Water Co. with a request. Then, a plumber (bids will have to be obtained) will have to run a line for the spigot and Jason will have to put up posts with a hook for the hoses.

FORESTER REPORT:

Ryan reported that there has been very little activity this month. He did begin to walk through the neighborhood to assess risks. Several hazard issues were recognized and letters will be going out to homeowners. At 1119 Dove he recommended crown mitigation or removal and the homeowner elected removal. Leah expressed concern that the construction project at this residence is potentially destroying other trees. There was ensuing discussion about the need for ordinances in order to protect trees during the planning phase of construction projects.

Leah reported that there is concern about the failure rate of recently planted dogwoods and requested that Anne and Nancy compile information on source, who planted, etc , so that this can be discussed next month. Nancy asked that Ryan look at the dogwoods in Henderson to see if he can identify pest issues, disease, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mick and Rick volunteered to help with moving the hydrangea and landscaping around the planned signage in Robin Park. It was reported that this project is on hold due to changes in the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Leah reported that she currently has one confirmed homeowner for the Ash Removal Program with another 8 homeowners who have been contacted. The goal for 2017-18 is 15 removals and replacements.

Leah and Marie attended a seminar where the idea of an intern to do Fall pruning was suggested. Anne stated she is familiar with this through the Chestnut Foundation and that interns are looking to be paid.

Leah reported that from here forward all minutes, agendas, financials and reports to the City Council are to be forwarded to Janette Mercer and Laura Kelty

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

SIGNATURE OF _____ DATE _____
CHAIRPERSON