

**City of Lake Forest Park – Tree Board  
Regular Meeting Notes – August 2, 2017  
17425 Ballinger Way NE— Forest Room**

**Tree Board Members present:** Tyson Greer; Timothy Hohn; David Kleweno; Courtney Siebken; Julia Bent; Karen Hugg, Tom Hanson

**Staff and others present:** Ande Flower, Principal Planner; Natalie-Pascale A. Boisseau, Public; Lisa Pettigo, Public; Mike Dee, Public

**Tree Board Members absent:** None

**Call to order:** 7:00 PM

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Cmr. Hugg moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Bent and approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Cmr. Greer offered more information about a grant that the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation has begun to secure to help fund the canopy study, as a potential change to Page 2, Line 8. No motion. Cmr. Tom Hanson requested on Page 1, Line 21 the language be changed from “tree” consulting to “forestry and arborical.” On Page 1, Line 23, he requested the word “became” be changed to “is.” Cmr. Hohn moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Siebken and unanimously accepted.

**Public Comment:**

Natalie-Pascale A. Boisseau reported that Friends of the 5 Acre Woods group has studies and appraisals underway, and over \$127,000 worth of pledges, as well as grants being written to help the Lake Forest Park Stewardship foundation acquire the 5 Acre Woods. Additional information on the goals, statuses, and further information regarding the 5 Acre Woods was handed out to the Tree Board members. Lisa Pettigo notified board members of a monthly walk to the 5 Acre Woods and requested Tree Board collaboration on the public outreach.

Mike notified the board that there was certain information about the Tree Board that was not yet available to the public, such as who the fiscal sponsor is. In addition, no agenda was posted for tonight’s meeting for the public to access. Proposed changes to the ordinance are concerning, as well as people in the community worrying that they cannot do what they wish with their own property. Jake Tracy’s email address is still listed on the website. Ms. Flower responded that the LFP website is under construction and no changes can be made at this time.

**Next Meeting:**

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Old Business:**

Letter to Council re: Canopy Study

Cmr. Smith’s letter offering the Tree Board’s preliminary recommendations about the city’s tree canopy study has been drafted and passed along to council. Cmr. Greer raised a concern that Cmr. Smith’s letter referenced a 2009 study, when it should have been referencing 2011. Ms. Flower clarified that 2009 was the Jones & Jones study, which is what was being referenced in the letter.

Cmr. Kleweno asked if it was okay if a second phase of the canopy study be completed sometime after 2017, as opposed to before the end of 2017, and Ms. Flower said that it would be most prudent to wait until the new year, after phase one had been completed and analyzed.

Cmr. Hohn said it would be nicer to have the letter have bullet points instead of a paragraph

Cmr. Kleweno proposed creating a sub-committee going forward within the Tree Board, of himself, Cmr. Hohn, Cmr. Greer and Cmr. Smith, to create a second draft of tree canopy study recommendations.

#### Burke Gilman Tree Watering Sign-Up

Ms. Flower was able to establish free water access from three businesses who are adjacent to the Burke Gilman trail: DePape Architecture, 522 Tattoo, and State Farm Insurance. DePape Architecture has a spigot very close to the trees. Ms. Flower will send out the owner's contact information. Cmr. Greer volunteered to draft thank-you letters to all three businesses who volunteered. Cmr. Smith offered to donate a long hose.

Mike Woodbury previously did not think water bags were appropriated for the trees in question. Ms. Flower asked that Tom Hanson or another expert assess the remaining trees to determine if water bags would be appropriate. Cmr. Hanson said that the witch hazel trees did not fare well in the heat and did not look like they would recover, and are not in the best location.

Ms. Flower is going to acquire some cones from Public Works to help protect Board volunteers while watering this weekend. Volunteers to water on Saturday morning at 9AM: Cmr. Bent, Cmr. Siebken, Cmr. Bent, Cmr. Hohn, and Ms Flower. Cmr. Bent is going to meet Ms. Flower at Ace hardware on Friday to purchase watering supplies. Ms. Flower mentioned that Public Works would be willing to deliver wheelbarrows to the watering site on a bi-weekly basis.

Cmr. Kleweno recommended that someone volunteer to be the coordinator for watering events. Cmr. Bent volunteered. Cmr. Hugg was asked by Ms. Flower to keep track of the Burke Gilman tree mortality, as well as recommending what tree species and placements are appropriate for additional plantings and replacing the dead trees. Cmr. Hugg agreed. Ms. Flower stated that 44 trees were planted on the Burke Gilman so far; another 52 are needing to be planted next planting season. King County has done some additional planting that is not part of the planting in question.

Cmr. Hohn agreed to do an assessment of how often the trees need to be watered. Cmr. Hugg agreed to put out a sign-up sheet for tree maintenance at her block party this weekend.

Mike Dee mentioned that there were some trees that had been planted at Animal Acres Park, one of which had died. Cmr. Greer said she had been taking care of the two remaining trees. Cmr. Kleweno put forth an idea to attach a community member to each tree, so that individual would take care of that tree.

#### Work Plan Discussion/Approval

Cmr. Greer and Cmr. Hugg recommended changing the default of 25% to each category to 20% to advising council, 40% on tree planting and maintenance, 20% on public outreach, and 10% to being aware of opportunities and threats. Ms. Flower and Cmr. Kleweno mentioned that public outreach will become more important in the future. Cmr. Hugg made a motion to change the respective percentages to 30, 40, 20, 10.

In light of the fact that we will not have new data until after phase one of the tree canopy study around January, Cmr. Bent recommended altering Cmr. Hugg's proposal to public outreach: 25%, be aware of opportunities and threats: 5%. Cmr. Hugg made a motion to set the percentages to 30% advise council, 40% tree planting/maintenance, 25% public outreach, 5% be aware of threats and opportunities. Cmr. Bent seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

#### Street Tree Planting Discussion

Cmr. Hugg said that the area near the reservoir would be a good candidate for tree plantings. According to Cmr. Bent, inside of the fence belongs to SPU, and the outside has a ditch that is not suitable for planting, and is a walking patch that residents may object to having covered. However, the southeast might have some suitable place for a grove of trees. Ms. Flower committed to bring in a large map of the area for the next meeting to help decide whether trees could be planted in Horizon View Park itself and the surrounding area. Cmr. Hugg said it is possible for her to acquire free trees. Ms. Flower said we should wait until the tree vouchers are used up.

Cmr. Hugg found additional places near the entrance to Sheridan Beach that might have some street parking strips that would be suitable (37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Street). Additionally, some west facing homes in Sheridan Beach might be suitable as well.

Ms. Flower committed to find out the exact amount of tree vouchers available to Lake Forest Park. She reiterated that the vouchers we have are mainly from properties that declined tree replacement vouchers when SPU had to remove a tree. Any trees purchased with the vouchers must be 20 feet or less, and no shrubs.

Cmr. Siebken mentioned a spot at the corner of 178<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the Western threshold to Lake Forest Park from Shoreline with dead trees. Ms. Flower committed to ask Public Works for a list of places where "Lake Forest Park" signs and other town thresholds could be for the Tree Board to investigate plantings.

Cmr. Hugg asked if it is appropriate to talk about Tree Board issues to the public. Ms. Flower and Cmr. Kleweno said it is appropriate if not speaking on behalf of the Tree Board, but as an enthusiastic citizen. Ms. Flower pointed out that members should not comment on, or like, the city's social media posts. Cmr. Greer said she believed Tree Board members could be a great funnel for issues

#### **New Business**

No new business

#### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Cmr. Kleweno asked that we add to next month's agenda that we discuss how we want to address requests for members of the public to come to Tree Board meetings and give presentations, outside of the allotted 3-minute public comments.

#### **Reports and Announcements**

##### Ordinance 1157

Ms. Flower gave a history on the city's definition and regulation of "exceptional tree." The city's previous arborist and the new arborists have a discrepancy between definitions that the city is looking to regulate. City of Seattle's exceptional tree regulation has a loophole where homeowners are allowed to remove an exceptional tree if it is within the buildable area of the plot. Lake Forest Park does not want to have this loophole.

**Adjournment:** 9:00

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David Kleweno, Chair