

City of Lake Forest Park - Tree Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Notes: August 22, 2018
17425 Ballinger Way NE –Forest Room

Tree Board Members present: David Kleweno, Courtney Siebken; Tyson Greer; Tim Hohn; Gordon Smith

Staff and others present: Lauren Hoerr, Assistant Planner

Members of the Public present: Mike Dee, Resident

Tree Board Members absent: Karen Hugg; Tom Hanson; Julia Bent

Call to order: 7:08 PM

Short Reflection: Shared by Tim Hohn

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Ms. Siebken moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hohn and approved unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

July 11th

Mr. Kleweno would like it to be added to last month's minutes under "educational insert into sewer packet" section, that all publication authored by the tree board be specifically noted to be from the tree board.

Ms. Greer moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mike Dee

Concerned that other meetings outside the board's regular meeting would have conflicted with other city meetings. Discussed a conservation cluster notice where the land division canopy coverage does not seem to equal the minimum coverage goal. Mentioned the new bag tax and recyclable container law. It's budget season so any requests can be made to the budget committee. LFP Stewardship Foundation is updating tree walk and salmon guides, which the Tree Board might have some insight on. Ms. Hoerr responded that on the land division case, the 58% canopy goal will need to be met for each lot, and a 15% tree tract will count toward the 58% on that lot. Ms. Greer asked that this math be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting occurs on Wednesday September 5, 2018.

Communication:

Old Business:

ELM Presentation Follow-Up Discussion

It was discussed that the underlying question is to determine whether the city's canopy is healthy and resilient. Some lots (20-30) could be chosen and ground truthed to try and derive this answer. While the board is doing the ground truthing, they could also try to estimate (either via eyeball and/or aerial images) if coverage matches the LIDAR from this recent study, as well as discern between small and large trees (trees that were probably <20' 10 years ago, and those that were probably already been 20' tall 10 years ago). This could be accomplished by checking aerial imagery to make some determinations about certain lots, and then going to those lots physically to note whether the aerial determinations are accurate. Upon site visits,

tree coverage could be calculated, as well as naming varieties and those trees' drought tolerance. The missing shape files from the previous study are an obstacle at the moment. Ms. Hoerr offered to work with IT, Mr. Smith, and possibly Chris Overdorf to try and track down the shape files from the 2009 study. It was noted that the city should also make sure that the files from this recent ELM study are stored in a safe place for future reference.

Ms. Greer mentioned that one work product that was unable to be completed by ELM was under Phase 2, which was an interactive map, and she feels strongly that this tool would be something to push for in the future, as this would be a useful tool to have available publicly.

The board would like to know the narrative/context that ELM was working from. Specifically, the board would like to request that ELM provide what tools were used to make the calculations for the LIDAR data (i.e. ESRI, custom programming, other?), and to confirm whether 12' or 20' returns were used. For future studies, this information will be required to make sure that the same settings are used to make the data comparable. **Ms. Greer proposed that Pending receipt of ELM's context, and confirmation that the shape files are in possession of the city, the Tree Board is comfortable stating that ELM's work is completed and that the \$14,000 paid for the study is in line with what the company billed for and delivered. Mr. Smith seconded this and it was approved unanimously.**

As for the remaining \$7,000 budget, if the old data can be found from the 2009 study, Mr. Gordon recommends that the first priority be to find someone to create a map of changes from 2009 to 2016.

Street Tree Planting Projects

Efforts to reach out to homeowners in Sheridan Heights have not led to any responses thus far. Mr. Hohn is thinking that concentrating efforts on a couple of streets might help with outreach. Then, the board will need to figure out how the tree vouchers would be doled out, if a nursery could help us acquire a large number the right size trees for a tree planting event. Possibly Public Works will need to be contacted for sight distance judgements, utility lines, etc.

NUD Follow-Up

Ms. Bent has not heard back from NUD about including something in their sewer bills. Scott Walker approved tree placement in the SPU reservoir in the SE and SW corners. Scott Walker did say that the trees suggested were too large, so some other species will need to be chosen. **Mr. Hohn has a list of about a dozen trees that he will send to Ms. Bent to choose from.**

Educational Inserts

Annette, who is in charge of sewer bills, gave Ms. Hoerr some examples of what previous inserts looked like. **She will pass that along to Ms. Greer**

Sunday Market Outreach

Mr. Kleweno reached out to the market and was informed that it is too late to get a booth now, but next year we can secure a place. Ms. Hoerr mentioned the idea of handing out something at the market, such as a measuring string for different tree diameters.

New Board Members

Two new members may be interested, no updates yet.

New Business:

Reports and Announcements :

Frontlines with Lauren

Crane hearing will be on September 6th at 6pm, the Notice of Hearing will be published tomorrow and a copy is included in your packet.

Ashley is working on some new projects right now, so if anyone has ideas about they following they can email to email them to her: what to include in the new tree list; what to include in a help topic for providing to arborist reports for development projects, and arborist reports for short plats; and any ideas to include on a help topic for tree planting and replanting tips.

Bell Homes Hearing Examiner's Decision is "dismissed without jurisdiction" meaning it did not have vesting rights due to the ordinance appeal prior to the hearing. The developer has the option of either a traditional 3 lot short plat or sell the property (3030 Ne 200th).

Tree permit for 16505 Shore Dr NE requesting the removal of 11 trees. We have asked them to submit an outside arborist report due to the number of trees, and then Ashley will review the report and determine which trees will be allowed to be removed.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Short Platting; Tree Canopy Study follow-up; NUD update; street tree planting; New board member follow-up; Discuss Tim's White Paper; Work Plan Check-In

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hohn seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: 9:00 PM

APPROVED:

David Kleweno, Chair