

MEETING MINUTES
FRANKLIN TREE COMMISSION
CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.

| <u>Committee Members</u> | | <u>Other Attendees</u> | |
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| Alderman Ann Petersen, Chair | P | Todd Snackenber, Arborist | P |
| Beth Adams | P | Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary | P |
| Scott Harrison | P | | |
| Skip Heibert | A | | |
| Kim Hoover | P | | |
| Michael Johnson, MTEMC | P | | |
| Martin Shaw | P | | |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Marty Shaw moved to approve the September 27, 2010 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Kim Hoover. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

No citizens present

4. 2010 Lecture Series

Members agreed there should be no more lectures in this calendar year due to the upcoming holidays. There is approximately \$350.00 of grant money remaining. It was suggested it be used for a winter-oriented lecture in January or February. A lecture on bird migration would be appropriate. Lectures on exotic and invasive species would be informative and helpful as well.

It was unknown if there is a deadline to spend the money or if it should be returned to the Williamson County Master Gardeners. Kim Hoover thought it would okay to use the money in January or February. Alderman Petersen suggested the Commission send a letter to the WCMG to find out.

There was favorable response to all the lectures this year. Ms. Adams suggested contacting Ray Foglia, Franklin TV, to see about on-site filming of plantings, etc.

Scott Harrison moved to notify WCMG of funds remaining from the grant and ask if it should be returned or if the Commission could use the funds to engage a speaker for a late winter/early spring lecture. Seconded by Beth Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fire Station #1 Tree Planting

Propose 7 trees be planted at Fire Station #1 using in-house labor. A map showing where the trees would be planted was provided: 2 Weeping Higan Cherries, 3 Yoshino Cherries, 1 Maple-Understory, 1 Dogwood (disease resistant variety). Cost \$1,200.

Scott Harrison moved to approve the planting 7 trees at Fire Station #1 at a cost of \$1,200. Seconded by Kim Hoover. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Parks Tree Planting 2010

Mr. Snackenberg noted this project started in 2008 with 200+ trees planted and 433 trees planted in 2009. Some trees were removed from the original plan as a cost-cutting measure. The cost estimate for 157 trees to be planted by an outside contractor is \$30,000.

Aerial views showing where the trees would be planted in each park reviewed. Fieldstone Farms: Southern Magnolia, Eastern Red Cedar, Loblolly Pine, Northern Red Oak, Nuttall Oak, Sweetgum, Blackgum, Big Leaf Magnolia, and Sugar Maple. Jim Warren Park: Virginia Pines, Little Gen Magnolias, and Sweetgum for the newly constructed berm. Liberty Park-Field 1: Eastern White Pines for screening. Pinkerton Park-Tinkerbell Area: Redbuds in planters.

Marty Shaw expressed concern about the Sweetgums and suggested the purchase of gumless Sweetgums. Mr. Snackenberg concurred.

The balance in the Tree Bank as of May 2010 is \$159,000. There was some question as to whether there was a "not to exceed" stipulation that requires BOMA approval.

Scott Harrison moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$30,000 for Parks tree planting contingent on limits set by BOMA. Seconded by Marty Shaw. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Arborist Report

Mr. Snackenberg reported he would be attending the Urban Forestry Council meeting, as would Marty Shaw, Skip Heibert, and Larry Mizell.

Ray Foglia videotaped, shot stills, including close-ups of Ash trees at the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. Voice-over will be added and the footage used as a public service announcement in the spring. Mr. Snackenberg noted this is a proactive move, suggested by Skip Heibert at the last meeting, on the Emerald Ash Borer infestation expected in Tennessee in the next 3-4 years.

8. Other Business

- The next meeting is November 22, the Monday before Thanksgiving.
- On the south side of Liberty Pike near Golden Meadows Subdivision, there is a row of

trees in the City right-of-way. Two of these trees died quite some time ago. Kathleen Sauseda has tried for three years to see if the City could replace them. Mr. Snackenberg will investigate the possibility of replacing street trees on Liberty Pike.

- Update on the two violations cited by Larry Mizell: the Heritage site is paying in lieu of planting. No information available on the other site cited.
- Marty Shaw suggested the City look into licensing arborists. There are no requirements at this time and he sees safety violations and shoddy workmanship around the area. Other cities have this requirement. What would the City require and who would police it? Mr. Snackenberg will consult Vernon Gerth and will also research other cities and contact the Urban Forestry Council.

8. **Adjourn**

Scott Harrison and Beth Adams moved and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:05 p.m.

Ann Petersen, Chair

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