

BRIGHAM CITY SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Minutes for TUESDAY, November 8, 2011

Present: Mary Coleman, Chair
Phyllis Nielsen, Commission Member
Mike Phillips, Commission Member
Arlie Pittman, Commission Member
IvaBeth Wilcox, Commission Member

City Staff: Tyler Pugsley, Assistant Public Works Director
Jolene Crockett, Administrative Secretary

Excused: Bob Marabella, Councilmember
Blake Fannesbeck, Director Public Works

Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm

Nomination of New Chair:

Nominations were opened. Mary Coleman nominated Arlie Pittman, Second by Mike Phillips, nomination passed unanimously.

Volunteer Dinner:

Jolene explained to the group that the Mayor's Office will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation dinner. In conjunction with this a listing will be handed out with all volunteer names. Andrea Clark, Mayor's Executive Assistant, would like to know what information would be permissible to put in the book. The following was stated by Commission Members:

Mary Clark	Phone/email
Phyllis Nielsen	Phone
Mike Phillips	Phone/email
IvaBeth Wilcox	Phone

Tree City USA:

Tyler explained that he and Jolene prepared the online application last year and they will be submitting the application again in December.

Arbor Day:

Tyler explained that we are in the process of establishing another park by Discover elementary which is Discovery Grove Park. He said if at the stage that we could plant trees we would like to hold it there with the help of Discovery Elementary. He said that we will have more information by the next meeting.

Tyler also explained that Jolene has ordered the saplings which are given to the children. He also asked Jolene to check into the arm bracelets we passed out at Mountain View last year. If the cost is acceptable we will order them again for the students.

Tree Trimming:

Tyler explained that we have expended most of the funds for tree trimming. He stated we had significant trimming on 2nd E. We will have some monies for small requests and as much as possible we are trying to handle the work in house.

Tyler stated that if we were to tackle every problem area at once it would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to accomplish.

Other:**LDS Temple Trees**

Mary asked Tyler what was happening with regards to the LDS Church and the trees at the new temple site. Mike stated until we are approached we cannot act. We cannot behave any differently than we have with anyone else. Tyler explained there had been a series of emails between the Mayor and our office regarding this issue. He said that Jolene made a good point in stating that we needed to follow the same protocol that we use with any resident of our City when it comes to tree removal. To this date we have not received a request through our office from the LDS Church regarding the trees.

Mary stated that the trees were there when the LDS Church purchased the property. Mike also stated that we are not in the habit of allowing healthy trees to be removed. Mary added that we do not want to be placed in a position of playing favorites as this would not be a good reflection on the commission.

Eagle Crest

Mary asked about the progress of the project. Tyler explained that we have accomplished Phase I and will be working on Phase II in the spring. It has been somewhat disappointing because some of the homeowners are not taking care of the trees. IdaBeth stated maybe they don't understand how they need to be taken care of. Maybe a door hanger would be a good idea. It was decided that Jolene would handle this when an Eagle Scout called for a project. We would expect them to design the door hanger, present it to the Commission and hang them on the doors in the project area.

USU Extension Service

Tyler stated that he met with USU extension regarding the bark on the trees in Main Street because the bark is popping in the cold and we have had to replace several trees. Mary asked if wrapping would be a good idea. Tyler said we have done this on other trees and it might be a good idea. USU also suggested having more than one species but that hasn't been the look that was wanted.