

BRIGHAM CITY SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Minutes for TUESDAY, February 15, 2012

Present: Arlie Pittman, Chair,
Phyllis Nielsen, Commission Member
Mike Phillips, Commission Member
IvaBeth Wilcox, Commission Member
Greg L. Rasmussen, Project Manager
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Temple and Special Projects Division
Ron Frandsen, Stake President, Box Elder Stake
Local Priesthood Representative
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

City Staff: Dennis J. Fife, Mayor
Brian Rex, Council Member
Tyler Pugsley, Acting Public Works Director
Jolene Crockett, Administrative Assistant

Excused: Mary Coleman, Commission Member

Absent:

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm onsite at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Tabernacle located on Main Street and 2nd South. The group spent approximately 30 minutes viewing the sycamore trees to the west of the tabernacle in front of the new LDS temple in regards to the tree removal request submitted and then adjourned to the Council Chambers.

Discussion of LDS Church Tree Removal Request:

Mayor Fife stated that it is important for the commission members to understand that the LDS Church is not attempting to dictate the decision of the commission.

Chairman Pittman stated that he might be in favor of removing some of the trees and then making a decision on whether to move forward with more removals. Commission Member Phillips stated that this would make it difficult as normally the bid contract to remove the trees would be done all at once because of the permitting needed.

Commission Member Phillips stated that he likes the idea with removing six. He said we will never be able to remove the trees so the symmetry is perfect. And, the removal of the six will not take away from the tree lined feel of the street. He said he has asked

several people to go over to the area and take a look. Without exception they all came back and said they should mirror the six tree request. He again said it will open the viewing area and keep the tree lined street look. Councilmember Rex agreed.

Director Pugsley stated that he has spoken to a company that feeds the trees at a cost of \$30 per tree. He said we would want to take this step to ensure that the trees which are left thrive. Mayor Fife interjected that the LDS church has stated they will take over the maintenance of the park strip which would include watering and maintenance of the trees. Mr. Rasmussen stated that they would also be replacing the sidewalk. Ms. Crockett stated when this is done they would need to obtain a Permit to Work in the Public Right of Way with UDOT. He also stated they would handle all cost of trimming and removal of the approved trees. Director Pugsley said they would also need to grind the stumps. He said at least 6” or more because of the hilled up area with the trees. Mayor Fife asked Mr. Rasmussen to be sure to coordinate the removal of any trees with Director Pugsley.

Commission Member Nielsen stated that she thinks the trees being removed directly in front is a good idea and that she likes the layout of the removal. Commission Member Wilcox said she likes the rendition of the six trees being removed.

Chairman Pittman asked if any of the members were willing to entertain a motion.

A motion was made by Commission Member Nielsen to approve the request by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to remove six trees, as indicated on the mapping provided, located on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd South, second Commission Member Wilcox.

Discussion: Commission Member Phillips said that he would like to discuss the motion. He stated that he wanted to include those things listed which the LDS Church said they would take care of and maintain. The group agreed. Chairman Pittman asked if there was another motion anyone would care to make.

A motion was made by Commission Member Phillips to approve the request by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to remove six trees, as indicated on the mapping provided, located on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd South in front of the LDS temple with the understanding that the LDS Church will obtain the services of a licensed arborist, trim and treat the remaining trees, assume responsibility of the maintenance of the park strip area and replace the sidewalk in accordance with Public Works Standards, second Tyler Pugsley, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fife requested that Ms. Crockett and Director Pugsley prepare a letter to the LDS Church indicating that the Shade Tree Commission had approved the tree removal request and send it to his office for signature.

Ms. Crockett asked if Director Pugsley would like her to prepare an agenda item for council meeting. Director Pugsley stated yes. Mayor Fife stated he would like Director Pugsley to present this to the council. This item will be added to the March 1st council meeting agenda. Director Pugsley added that he will inform the council on the numerous trees the LDS church will be planting on site.

Chairman Pittman stated that no matter what we will not get everyone to agree on this. He has had some who have said to take all the trees, others who say just take some and still others who say don't take any. Commission Member Phillips agreed and said we will never make everyone happy. Ms. Crockett suggested that we might want to have an article in the Box Elder News and Journal to explain the thought process to the community. Mayor Fife and Director Pugsley agreed. Mayor Fife wanted to wait until after the council meeting to do so.

Mayor Fife, Greg Rasmussen and Ron Frandsen were excused from the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012 by Commission Member Nielsen, second by Commission Member Phillips, motion carried.

Arbor Day:

Commission Member Nielsen stated that she had visited with Principal Johnson at Lakeview School and he was excited to participate in the Arbor Day celebration. She stated that they were unaware that we would plant trees, too! Kaylee Smith will be the 3rd grade team leader.

The following assignments were made:

Meet w/Principle	Tyler Pugsley, Arli Pittman (Jolene will schedule an appt for them)
Newspaper Article	Mary Coleman, Phyllis Nielsen Back up, Mike Phillips
Proclamation	Mike Phillips
Agenda Item	Jolene Crockett
Program @ school	IvaBeth Wilcox
Preparation of Program	Jolene Crockett
Flyer for School	Jolene Crockett
Ordering of bands	Jolene Crockett

Other:

Councilmember Rex stated that we expect our citizens to pay for the watering of trees and grass in the park strip at their own expense. He wondered if we had entertained a change in water rates during the summer. Director Pugsley stated that we are somewhat unique in our rates and that we have some of the cheaper water rates in Utah. He asked

Councilmember Rex if he would like to meet with him so he could review the rates and explain how our system works in regards to others in the State. Councilmember Rex stated yes. Director Pugsley asked Ms. Crockett to schedule an appointment for them in about two weeks. Ms. Crockett asked the gentlemen if it would work to schedule a meeting prior to a Thursday Council meeting. Both agreed this would be a good idea.

Motion to adjourn by Commission Member Phillips, Second by Commission Member Wilcox.