

BRIGHAM CITY

URBAN BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Minutes for WEDNESDAY, March 14, 2018

Present: Evan Nelson, Chair
Marie Black, Vice-Chair
Beth Allen, Commission Member
Kris Nelson, Commission Member
Karen Nisonger, Commission Member
Sharon Griggs, Commission Member

City Staff: Ruth Jensen, Council Member
Ryan Abraham, Cemetery/Parks Supervisor
Tony Ekins, Assistant Planner/Code Services Coordinator
Jolene Crockett, Administrative Assistant

Excused: Tyler Pugsley, Public Works Director

Ms. Crockett explained that Director Pugsley would not be present today as he is in St. George at the Utah Airport Operators Association Conference.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Beth Allen to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 second by Sharon Griggs, motion passed unanimously.

Arbor Day:

Ms. Crockett reviewed for the group what she had learned regarding Arbor Day. She stated Director Pugsley asked her if she would check into the guidelines of Arbor Day Celebrations. She said she found that we do not necessarily have to involve a school and that just the act of acknowledging Arbor Day by planting trees would be sufficient. She said we do not have to celebrate on the actual day, just as long as we do celebrate.

Supervisor Abraham explained what we are doing with the trees on Main Street. We have received a grant and we have 92 trees that we will be replacing. Ms. Crockett asked Chairman Nelson to explain his suggestion. He said that he had approached the middle school in participating on Main Street to plant trees. Supervisor Abraham explained the process of his crew while trying to get these trees planted on Main Street. Ms. Crockett expressed what may be a hindrance to staging on Main Street. They were as follows:

- Danger of having numerous children on Main Street
- Leaving piles of dirt in the PROW as this is UDOT's right of way
- Heavy traffic issues at the time the school could come over between 10:30-11:40
- The speed with which the Parks Division will be working to get the trees in the ground

Mr. Ekins stated that he has been working with this group over the last three years. He said it is the City's responsibility to ensure the safety of its citizens and he did not believe the staging of students at the County Court house and having them participate in planting trees close to Main Street will provide that safety. He said when we have been on school

grounds or as we did last year at Pioneer Park the children were very active in their movements and hard to keep track of.

Mr. Ekins and Commissioner Black needed to be excused from the meeting at 4:50pm.

Ms. Crockett asked Chairman Nelson if he would consider a compromise where we went to the school to celebrate Arbor Day and planted a tree on the grounds. Supervisor Abraham agreed that this might be a better answer for involving a school. Chairman Nelson said he still believed that we could stage this on Main Street but understood that this was a group decision. Commissioner Allen agreed with Chairman Nelson.

Commissioner Nelson stated that she understood the issue with staging at the court house. She said this job of replacing the trees on Main Street is a difficult one and the crews have a job to do. Having children in the mix on Main Street would make their job harder. She believed that the children would be happy with us coming to the school and celebrating there.

Councilmember Jensen agreed and said that Ms. Crockett was providing them with information so they might make a recommendation. She said staff would take that recommendation and determine if this was something they would be able to move forward.

After much discussion it was determined by the group that it would be their recommendation to have an Arbor Day celebration at Box Elder Middle School on Arbor Day.

Celebrate on: April 27, 2018

Assignments:

- Evan Nelson
 - Number of Children
 - Where on the grounds
 - Timing
 - Grounds contact for the Parks Division
- Kris Nelson
 - Newspaper
- Beth Allen
 - Cookies
- Tony Ekins
 - Talk

Yard of the Month:

Ms. Crockett provided an overview of how the program works and how the Commissioners participate. The group was good with following the same program as we have in the past.

Service Project:

Ms. Crockett explained that Commissioner Allen had contacted her regarding an LDS Youth Service Project on June 21, 2018 from 8am – 11am. She said she had passed this on to the Mayor's Office as from time to time large volunteer efforts are run through the Mayor's Office. Donna Pett, Mayor's Executive Assistant contacted Ms. Crockett and stated that the Mayor would like this to be run through Public Works.

Commissioner Allen stated that she had been contacted about this and that there would be approximately 100 youth participating. She asked if we would be able to accommodate this. Supervisor Abraham stated that we could look for things but as this is following Memorial Day he is not certain what they will have at the cemetery as they typically get many volunteers prior to Memorial Day. Ms. Crockett stated that we might be able to work it out if we split up the groups to different areas. Supervisor Abraham agreed and said we have done this in the past. Ms. Crockett stated as we also own Mantua Reservoir we might be able to stage the entire group up there. She said she could check with the Water Supervisor and report back to Commissioner Allen.

Commissioner Allen said that she would provide this information to the LDS Youth Leaders.

Other:

Replacement Plantings w/Tree Removals

Councilmember Jensen described her tree removal experience with the City which went well. Her question was how we deal with the individuals when they remove a tree and how we move forward from there. Ms. Crockett stated that when she works with the public on the requirements of tree removal she does explain that the homeowner, as we are a Tree City USA, replace the tree. She said that she does tell them they don't have to put it back into the park strip. They may place it somewhere else on their property, donate a planting to a park, or even a family member or friend's property.

Councilmember Jensen stated that her concern is we may be placing a financial burden on a resident if we require them to pay \$50 for a new tree. Ms. Crockett stated we do not dictate how much they need to spend. Councilmember Jensen asked if someone wanted to plant a seedling would we be ok with that. Ms. Crockett said she didn't think that would be a problem for Director Pugsley, who is also the City Forester, as long as the effort is made.

Approved Shade Tree List

Chairman Nelson said that he had noticed our Approved Shade Tree List has not been updated for many years. He wondered if we would be alright with an update to this list. Ms. Crockett explained that we have, over the years, asked the commissioners to take this on. To this date we have not been able to work that out. She said that she does explain to residents if they have a conversation with the nursery and come up with another species that is not on the list, to provide her the name and she gives this to the City Forester for approval. Chairman Nelson wondered if the group would mind if he took this on. The group thought this would be a great idea.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2018