

Urban Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes - Friday, Oct 19, 2018 City Hall, Rm 205

Present: Marc Welch, Barbara Smiley, Beth Wilkinson, Julia Malakie; Guests: Michele Cruz, Yasodhara Paruchuru, Dana Hanson

Approval of September Minutes

Forestry Update:

- Removal of most stumps finished. Stump audit for stumps lost track of due to clerical error or storm losses not entered.
- Watering just finished for season. Plan to go to ~800 watering sites, pull weeds & rake crabgrass. Next spring put down leaf mulch.
- 1st week November take delivery of new trees: ~550 city trees, ~100 NTC trees. (Prior year 540 + NTC) FY2017 total 806 trees.
- Spring 2019 city planting will be ~100 trees that homeowners will water.
- 2019 city will have ~1,100 to water. Constraint is time. Staff work 12-18 hrs extra per week.
- At end of two years' watering, MW will send letter saying city watering will end, asking homeowners to water in extreme dry weather.
- FY18 Tree Ordinance Fund paid for watering. FY19 operating budget includes materials & OT for watering
- Suggest NTC write oped for Tab Spring 2019 re what people can do for trees, especially weeding.
- Plan this winter for large-scale pruning, which was last done in 2005-2008 with Tree Ordinance funds from Terraces. 14ft required clearance over roads, 8-10ft city goal for sidewalk clearance. ADA is 70".
- Forestry has brand new bucket truck which goes as high as rental & Northern Tree's bucket trucks.

Tree Removal Hearings

MW will post a removal request for pin oak at 10 Mignon Road.

Solar Phase 3

Reviewed and approved draft of letter to Ann Berwick re consideration of value of trees and maintaining well-established trees at Solar Phase 3 sites.