

October 3, 2023 Draper Tree Committee meeting notes

Welcome and roll call

1. Approval of September 5, 2023 meeting minutes.
2. Approval of 2024 Meeting schedule
3. Public Education
 1. Localscapes followup/nextsteps
 1. GardenTour
 2. FallClass
 3. Promotion of new landscaping codes and rebates
 2. Tree planting events
 1. Budget used/available
 2. Smaller neighborhood park plantings
 3. Websiteplans
 4. Draper Forward plans
4. City Updates
 1. Code adoption
 2. Community Development to adopt new street tree planting specs for developers
 3. Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District grant money and budget for city forester
 4. City projects
5. Adjournment

Attendees:

Maryann Pickering
Taylor Parker
Brent Williams
Rhett Ogden
Matt Evans
Michelle Coker
Janet Simonich
David Cloward
Laura Bakker
Tasha Lowry

Meeting Notes:

2024 Meeting schedule approved as:

- No meetings June, July, Aug and December
- January meeting moved one week later

Localscapes class

- Class went well, but only 20 of the 50 registrants attended
- Facebook page said the class was full

- System only allowed 50 registrants - next time maybe we allow to overbook it
- Need to check if the booking system has reminders sent?
- Plan to still do one in the spring and one in the fall
- Agreement we should do Localscapes Photo tour with addresses - Promote Not xeriscapes, but localscapes and there is a class and there is money
- We expect rebates to continue

Tree Planting events:

- Budget was on the agenda last council meeting - \$10K for tree committee tree planting
- We can use it to replace trees and get matching with Tree Utah
- Amy with Tree Utah said she could do a Fall and Spring planting
- Tasha liked our original idea of doing different parks
- Target Arbor day and avoid conflict of Cinco de Mayo
- Best to do Friday evenings
- Friday April 26 or Saturday April 27 - agreed on April 27th
- Target 10-15 trees
- Discussion of park sites to target for plantings
 - Draper city park?
 - Other smaller neighborhood parks?
 - Look at the soil and watering
 - Michelle to set up sub-committee to go look at parks

Draper Forward

- Nov/Dec - deadline for submission -
- Tasha suggested article about Christmas Globe willow and why that isn't a great tree and tree selection guidelines and some trees that do well in Draper (and forward people to Tree Guide for park strips)

Conservation Garden Park

- Signs are done and in
- Ribbon cutting Oct. 13th 1:30
- Also Deer Ridge Trailhead - 17th

Funding for Parks and Trails and Trees

- Michelle asked about additional funding for Parks and Trails
- Dave asked about Forester position and grant money
- Tasha explained the funding issue of not raising property taxes
- Dave asked about a parks and trails \$5 fee
- Tasha suggested we all talk to the City Council members
- How do we monetize the trails

City projects

- Draper park - extending south side parking and will remove some trees and planting new trees; we will provide recommendations

Actions:

- Taylor to send out new meeting schedule for 2024
- Dave to pull together sub-committee field trip to look at tree planting priorities
- Matt to follow up with Tree Utah to secure date and funding for 2024 Arbor day
- Everyone to contact city council members about Parks and Trails fee
- Maybe Joc to write article with Laura's help for Draper Forward
- Michelle to follow up on 2024 Localscapes plans
- Michelle to follow up with Localscapes photos, addresses, tour options