

September 3, 2024 Draper Tree Committee meeting notes

Committee Members:

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Attendees:

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Meeting notes:

Meeting minutes approved
Hidden Garden tour went smoothly and was very well attended
Draper Days

- Water was the draw and without it, we wouldn't have had much interest
- Location was discussed - better to be on East side for traffic
- We went through the survey results and discussed likelihood of a fee allocated for trees

Main discussion was about the ability of the city resources to plant and support more trees, the need for a city forester, funds for tree care and the idea to compare to other cities

- Before we seek donations, Educate citizens on benefits of trees and budget allocations
- We need a plan of how we would use the budget and a goal/plan of how many trees Identify where it goes
- Support for maintenance
- We do not have a city Forester
- Discussion about the fee being raising taxes and many people don't want or can't pay another \$50 per year
- Could we or should we focus on voluntary donations
- No budget for treating or fertilizing trees
- Current budget only allows just cleaning up fallen down trees
- Should we look at other cities
- Current tree count estimate is 50,000
- Discussion about the cost of treating diseased trees

Dave and Michelle visited Smithfield Park during Farmer's market and it looks like a great opportunity for planting more trees without disrupting the market, but rather it would enhance it.

Phase 1 - Jenson Farm park - tree committee recommendations - the plan will be sent to the committee and Michelle will consolidate

Actions:

1. Draper Forward - Education and survey results with option to donate
2. Explore options for donations
3. Separate sub-committee meeting on Tree priorities and budget needed
 1. Look at best practices of other cities - funding per resident/tree etc
 2. Review immediate needs
 1. Vestry tree crisis