



PAROWAN CITY SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 7, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
PAROWAN CITY OFFICES - 35 E 100 N, PAROWAN, UT 84761

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Smith, Ron Roth, John Dean (Councilmember), Vern Fridley

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Mollie Halterman, Justin Dalley, Callie Bassett

EXCUSED: Ryan Johnson, Charlene Busch, Randy Frantz, Dan Jessen

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brenda Estrada

1. Call to Order

Linda Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She welcomed new board member Vern Fridley.

2. Vern Fridley: A Short History of Mass Tree Removal in Parowan

Vern Fridley provided a historical overview of mass tree removals in Parowan:

- Around 1937-1940, there was a major tree removal and replanting effort in downtown Parowan. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Works Progress Administration (WPA) were involved.
- Most of the city's trees (about 80%) were planted during this time, including American elms, green ash, and other species.
- Many of these trees are now around 84 years old.
- In 1979-1980, Mayor Jim Robinson had all Chinese Elm trees removed from the library square area, which was controversial at the time.
- The Shade Tree Commission raised funds to plant Norway maple trees as replacements.

Vern emphasized the importance of tree diversity to avoid issues like the current emerald ash borer problem. He suggested researching city council minutes from 1938-1940 to learn more about the planning process for the mass planting.

3. Tree Removal

- **279 N 200 E, Milton Hulet Home**

Linda Smith reported that the tree at this address will be removed due to storm damage and safety concerns. The homeowner has been notified and understands the need for removal. The stump will also be removed.

- **Stump Removal List**

This item was not specifically discussed during the meeting.

4. Tree Discussion

- **Main Street**

Justin Dalley reported that a tree between 300 North and 400 North on Main Street needs to be removed due to significant dead branches. It is located near the dance

studio on the east side of the road. Linda Smith asked if this was high on the priority list, and Justin confirmed he would schedule it with Aldo. Linda Smith mentioned ongoing issues with maple trees near the doctor's office, noting that one tree consistently turns yellow despite various treatment attempts.

- **Center Street**

Linda Smith discussed the goal for 2025 to remove seven dead trees on Center Street, primarily located near the curve. Justin Dalley mentioned contacting the state about responsibility for tree maintenance, learning that the state is responsible up to the curb, while anything beyond is the city's responsibility.

- **Trees at 9 S 100 E**

Linda Smith reported that there are two trees at this corner house across from the old Wells Fargo Bank that Justin has on his work list to remove. She also mentioned Ms. Bently, who regularly waters trees in the area and suggested recognizing her efforts.

- **City Park**

Justin Dalley reported that the City Park fared well during recent storms, with minimal damage compared to expectations. He mentioned some broken limbs but nothing major. Linda Smith relayed thanks from community members to Justin for fixing the sprinklers at the park.

- **Lion's Park**

Justin Dalley mentioned a tree that needs to be removed as a safety hazard and another that needs trimming on the west side between the pool and the bathrooms.

- **Ball Fields**

Justin Dalley explained that two trees between Field 3 and the parking lot need to be replaced due to accidental over spraying while treating the area around the trees to prevent weed growth. The committee discussed the importance of learning from this incident and being careful with chemical applications in the future.

- **Discussion on item not on agenda – City Goals**

- Bonnetts' Extra-Large Cottonwood Tree on the corner of 100 S and 200 E.
Justin said he feels the public works crew could take this tree down in a day or two, but it will take the whole crew. He will work with Aldo to see when they can fit this into the public works schedule. He said if they feel this project is beyond their capabilities, they will bring it back to the committee.

5. Meeks Pond

The committee discussed several issues related to Meeks Pond:

- Justin Dalley reported that materials for the head gate project have been acquired, but installation is pending scheduling. Some trees will need to be removed to install the gate properly.
- Ron Roth emphasized the importance of maintaining the dam at the far end of the pond to ensure water rights.
- The committee discussed the need to remove and poison elm suckers around the pond, which have regrown since treatment three years ago.

- John Dean mentioned plans for a volunteer day to clean up the area around Meeks Pond in late November or early December.
- Ron Roth reported that 700 rainbow trout were recently added to the pond by the Urban Fishery program.
- Ron Roth mentioned donating two benches for the shoreline of the pond.

6. Shade Tree Accreditation Hours

Linda Smith explained that Don Dalton helps Justin with the annual Arbor Day Shade Tree USA application. The city has been part of this program for 22 years. Don compiles information on activities, Arbor Day events, and trees planted throughout the year for the application.

7. Member Reports

- John Dean suggested reviewing and possibly revising the city code regarding homeowner responsibilities for tree care and maintenance.
- The committee discussed the need for grant writing and project planning. Mollie Halterman mentioned several grant opportunities, including the Tree Utah grant and the Urban and Community Forestry Partnership grant.
- Ron Roth proposed forming a subcommittee for grant writing, including himself, Vern Fridley, and potentially Charlene.
- The committee discussed the need to identify specific projects for grant applications, noting challenges with current park developments and maintenance needs.
- John Dean mentioned plans for ongoing maintenance at Meeks Pond, including repainting the bridge and potentially repairing the little bridge.
- The committee discussed the need for a new, younger member to join the Shade Tree Committee.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by John Dean, seconded by Ron Roth. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Linda Smith announced that the committee will meet in December but not in January due to holidays. She thanked the members for their service.



Callie Bassett, CMC
City Recorder

Date Approved: FEB. 06, 2025