

February 4, 2025 Draper Tree Committee meeting notes

Committee Members:

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Attendees:

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Agenda:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of October 2024 meeting minutes.
3. Review 2025 Meeting Schedule
4. Citizen engagement/education
 1. February Localscapes class
 2. Arbor Day planning
5. Discussion about presentation to City Council to ask for funding for a city arborist
6. Tree Planting
 1. Budget before potential matching
 2. Site options
 3. New trees in Parks vs. Street tree replacement

4. Citizen event or not?
5. Which projects, do we do matching funds event with Tree Utah
7. Draper Forward plans
8. City Updates
 1. Community Development to adopt new street tree planting specs for developers
 2. City to update committee on any upcoming projects involving trees
9. Adjournment

Meeting Notes:

- October 2024 Meeting minutes were approved
- 2025 Schedule was reviewed
- Localscapes class
 - Class runs very smoothly now without a lot of our involvement. Need to do promotion.
 - Committee members encouraged to attend
- Tree talks idea discussed - an idea that came from neighboring city - Holladay does it spring and fall
 - This could align with our Draper Forward articles - we can reuse and share with other cities seasonal articles and invited guests
- Draper Forward
 - Articles
 - Matt to talk with Trent - arborist in Herriman
 - Draper city Podcast - we could participate
- Arbor Day
 - Friday evening April 25th or Saturday 26th morning - depending on whether we partner with TreeUtah
 - We split the costs - Tree Utah provided the tools and nutrients
 - Need to confirm location, tree type and number
 - Projects put forward
 - Carlquist - could be a good spot, but for less trees
 - Disc golf course
 - Will be the location of Women's National event
 - Great opportunity to do event with Tree Utah
 - Need to design exact planting spots so we run the water lines
 - Bring irrigation map to next meeting
 - Dave to send Taylor the species originally requested to be purchased
 - 37 trees allocated
 - Specs were: Cottonwood, peach tree willow, box elder, hackberry and privet
 - Smithfield Park
 - Bigger project because need more support to keep trees alive
 - Should maybe table until we have confirmed resources
 - Could be bald Cypress - could do some plantings as a trial
- Neighboring cities tree focused discussed
 - Herriman - has a goal of almost doubling their tree canopy
 - American Urban Forest society recommends 25% canopy
 - Most cities have a dedicated arborist or multiple
 - Dave created a table of information gathered

- Meeting with city council
 - Goal to advocate for full time arborist
 - Maybe Feb 18th, likely 1st March
- Add to next month's agenda - Lone Peak Parkway widening - 12300 to 12650 South and to determine species and spacing for developing frontage
- Move Engineering to front of agenda

Actions:

- Initiate usual promotion for Localscapes class - Michelle
- Tree talks idea - Michelle to talk with arborist friend.
- Draper forward articles schedule of seasonal articles that can be reused - Jocelyn
- Matt to talk with Trent, arborist at Herriman about sharing articles
- Whole team to help provide any data on other cities - like Lehi and American Fork
- Look at tree species for golf course and decide if we use the credit with nursery or place new order through Tree Utah
- Close on Arbor Day plans - decide if we do Saturday morning big event with Tre Utah or smaller event as normal

Thanks,