

TOQUERVILLE CITY
TREE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm
Held at 212 N. Toquerville Blvd, Toquerville Utah

Attendance: Board members Brad Langston, Mark Fahrenkamp, Renee Garner, Tami Young, Lori Wrangle, & Bruce Jones, others: Than Naegle.

6:05 pm Tree Board Meeting: Chair Brad Langston welcomed everyone.

1. Status/plan for the mulberry's in the city park; Review and form recommendation to present to city council. Brad had a power point presentation showing each tree so the board could make assessments.

Three trees southwest area next to lawn, most southwest tree looked like it might be dying. The other two showed more growth. One in the lawn looked best. Lawn watering might be getting more water than the drippers are giving. There are two behind the shed on the creek side. The first has very little growth, the second looks better. All the trees in the parking lot area showed encouraging growth. The most southwest tree on west side of the lawn and the one directly east of the shed looked like they might not be getting enough water. Mark said he'd check with Lance to see if all the trees were getting sufficient water.

Tami reminded us of the Ballard Nursery visit and Ray Ballard's advice to wait until the end of summer before removing any, watch for growth and trim off branches we don't intend to encourage.

Than recommended we cut off dead limbs that were showing no growth. It was agreed that we'd try to have arborist Danon Hulet attend when maintenance staff worked on them.

2. Status/plan for Cemetery trees; Review and form recommendation for city council regarding trees along the cemetery drive and in the cemetery yard which is designated 1186 S Toquerville Blvd. Brad showed the board pictures of problem trees for discussion.

- There are four or five flowering pears along the drive which are dying from fire blight. Than informed us he'd sprayed them for blight in past years but they didn't recover. He thought we should just pull them out with a chain. Discussion of replacement tree variety, all agreed to go with the mulberry. Ballard had quoted the 24" inch pots at \$200.00 each. Than encouraged we Blue Stake and pot hole to find water lines before beginning.
- We looked at a dying flowering plum in the 2nd section from the east near "Clem" monument we thought should be removed. A sycamore in 3rd section looked ill. Two little fir trees right next to "English" monuments will need to be removed. It was agreed an attempt would be made to contact next of kin so they can remove them before the city does it. A larger tree second to the right in that area also looked ill. There are two trees that looked like sticks in the 2nd section that we agreed needed to be taken out. In the 1st section there are several Japanese Silk tree that we felt the arborist should look at. There was a tree growing inside a yucca plant, both might need removal. Another little fir next to "Brady" also needs to be removed. That one will not need contact because they don't live near.

We discussed whether to hire an arborist for the city or train someone on staff. Mark told us city council also talked about this. Renee updated that Lance and Randy had looked into training and it's too intensive to expect from staff. Board felt we should contract with an arborist and/or continue to rely on the Urban Forestry Division for advice. Renee remarked that Ray Ballard is also happy to advice since we'd be purchasing from him.

3. Make assignments for tree grant proposal creating a more detailed plan for this year's Tree City grant request regarding trees along Shangri-La. Brad told us that Lance had but a drip system all along the sidewalk on and Shangri-La. We'd need to plan spacing and some areas wouldn't have room for big trees.

Trees we think will work: Chinese Pistache, Mulberry, Japanese Crabapple, Eastern Redbud, Pink Dawn Chitalpa, Spring Snow Crabapple, or smaller California Redbud, and Crape Myrtle. The ones on the top of the list at this time are: Eastern Redbud, Pink Dawn Chitalpa, and Crape Myrtle.

Brad informed us that we're counselled not to plant any more ash because of the bore that is coming this way. He said he was also discouraged to plant the purple rope locust due to disease.

Plans were made to meet with Danon Hulet and Lance Gubler for a field trip on May 6th at 6:00 pm to walk Shangri-La and the Cemetery. Lance will be able to show us where he's put the dripper line.

Councilman Brad Langston as Chair

Summary written by Renee Garner, Board Member