

Smithfield City Tree Committee Board Meeting 16 March 2016

Meeting held at the Smithfield City Office @ 7:00 P.M.

Conducting: Chair-Lisa Michaels

Members Present: Lisa Michaels, Jeff Barnes, Dixon Allen, Troy McClain, Cheryl Downs and Carol Huckaby

Excused: Lonnie McCulloch

1. Lisa read the minutes from our last meeting held on 17 February 2016. Dixon moved to accept the minutes as amended. Second made by Carol. Motion carried.

2. Committee Members:
The city council passed an ordinance on March 9, 2016 naming the members of the Smithfield tree committee. Members serving for a three year term are Lisa Michaels, Dixon Allen and Lonnie McCulloch. Members serving for a two year term are Carol Huckaby and Troy McClain. Cheryl Downs attended this meeting with interest in becoming a member of the committee. We will have Justin Lewis send out another announcement to see if we can find one more interested person to serve on the committee.

3. Utah Heritage Trees:
Lisa will keep working on completing the application for the heritage tree program. We decided to nominate the row of Norway Spruce Trees in the city cemetery. One of the Norway Spruce trees is very large and Ben feels it would top the record in the state. It has a trunk diameter of 46 inches and is 20 inches more than the current champion. We will move toward nominating this single tree as well.

4. Tree Inventory:
Jeff contacted Justin to get an update on the inventory Ben completed. (Cemetery, etc). Ben charged the city \$570 for worked completed. Number of trees inventoried was 190. Cost amounted to \$3.00 per tree. Craig has put together a bid package including the information the state wants us to collect on each tree. This list includes the following: Site Name, Species, tree Type, Diameter, Height Class, Canopy Spread, Tree Condition, Planting Location, Condition, Maintenance and Comments.
The grant from the State for our tree inventory is \$4000. The city must match it with \$4000. In the bid we decided to include all city owned land and parks as well as the following:
 - ✓ Both sides of main street
 - ✓ 100 North-from 200 east to 800 west
 - ✓ Center street 500 east to 800 west
 - ✓ All of 100 east and 200 east
 - ✓ All of 100 west and 200 west

✓ Heritage trail along Summit Creek

5. Elementary School Arbor Day Poster Contest:

Carol reported the schools were sending in their registrations. Sunrise and Birch Creek are participating.

6. Tree Pruning Demonstration:

The tree pruning demonstration was held on Saturday March 12, at 9am. It was held at Darcey Hardman's house at 125 South 100 West in Smithfield. She has a fruit tree orchard. Andy Beutler conducted the demonstration on a good variety of trees. About 7 or 8 people attended. Andy did a great job. Troy asked whether we could do a second demonstration in the fall. We could advertise in the Herald journal and place a flyer in the city utility mailing.

7. Health Days:

Health Days this year is on Saturday May 14, 2016. Lisa has attempted to make arrangements for three trees from Freckle Farm to have at the Health Days Booth. Lisa will also contact Andersons in Logan for tree availability. We will have a drawing like previous years. Lisa will bring the tree lists to hand out to the public. Jeff has already reserved site 24 with the recreation department. The Arbor Day Tree planting will also take place at Forrester Acres. Jesse will prep the location and have the tree ready to plant at Noon. We will work with Jesse on the Arbor Day Tree planting. Jeff and Dixon will set up tables, chairs, canopy at 8:30 am. Schedule to man the booth: 12:00 to 2:00pm Carol, Dixon and Troy. 2:00 to 4:00 pm Jeff, Lisa and maybe Lonnie.

8. Other Business:

Jeff talked to Pete Kruze at Lee's Marketplace to see if there is money available again this year for trees. Pete said there was money but he wanted to give a large portion of it to a project in Richmond. He said he would let me know how much would be available to Smithfield. Jeff will be speaking at the Lions Club meeting about the memorial tree program.

Next meeting will be April 20, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Minutes by Jeff Barnes