

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes June 1st, 2020

Attendees:

1. Wayland McGary
2. Russ Fox
3. MaryAnn Pickering
4. David Cloward
5. Laura Bakker
6. JT Blacktower
7. Josh Young
8. Rhett Ogden
9. Todd Hammond
10. Lisa Wilcox

Notes:

Meeting minutes were approved

13800 south - Lisa shared disease concern on the new trees planted in front of her house on 13800 South - Steve came by and was looking at it.

Lone Peak Parkway Follow-up - contractor is working on West side - should be done by mid-June. Shift over to East side by Aquarium, but they have not acquired the property yet. Those existing trees would be removed and be part of the contract to be replaced - Staker Parsons would be under contract to be replaced behind the sidewalk and landscaped bermed. In some places there won't be a park strip and in other areas similar to today.

11950 South Follow-up - no real update needed

Going Parks to Tree commission - Dave shared that he had dialogue with Parks and Trails commission chair - Dave to follow up with Jamie again to further discussion

Dave threw out the idea for future agenda item of focusing on public education through emails and magazines pointing to website and building a lot of content on the website. Since we don't have budget for city entrance beautification. We can access younger demographic

Russ shared that Britney Johnston is new communications director - how to point to stuff from website.

Get the schedule from Britney. Monthly e-news letter. Produce something kind of fun. Could create a Tree commission page

We discussed the tree planting video

The tree planting video made clear that our #1 problem with planting street trees is that they are planted in road base. Lisa asked the contractors to supplement the soil on 13800 South, but they refused, so she did it herself. They could have done it easily and properly when they had all the

machinery there. Instead, the trees get planted in road base and have no hope to grow or even live. This is a huge waste of money to with the cascading problem. First we try to get the right tree planted for the soil and water and location with a guide, then it goes through planning, then it gets approved and funded, and maybe even enforced. Then all of that work and money gets wasted since the tree gets planted in road base; either they don't grow well like those in front of city hall or they die like the ones replaced in the tree video. Action to come up with language we can put ordinance.

Commercial code - we need to renew work with subcommittee meetings

Budget gets fully adopted - it is wrapping up. No CIP projects funding

Actions:

1. Lisa to follow up on diseased trees on 13800 South
2. Todd to follow up with status on trees planted and replaced on Lone Peak Parkway
3. Dave to follow up with Parks and Trails commission
4. All to come with ideas for July meeting on website and public outreach
5. Dave to renew sub-committee meetings on city codes and to include how to deal with proper planting on street trees to avoid road base problem.