

Draper Tree commission meeting - Tuesday Feb 2, 2020 8:00 a.m. Meeting notes

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Approve November 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. Conflict of Interest Forms
4. Annual Training- Rhett Ogden
5. Presentation: City Code Revisions Pertaining to Trees - Maryann Pickering
6. 1847 Sevenoaks Lane Letter of Approval to HOA
7. Sub Committee Reports
8. Commission Reports
9. Adjournment

Attendees:

1. Fred Lowry
2. Wayland McGary
3. Rhett Ogden
4. MaryAnn Pickering
5. David Cloward
6. Laura Bakker
7. Todd Hammond
8. Josh Young
9. Janet Simonich
10. Dan Portwood
11. Scott Cooley
12. Christina Oliver
13. Tom Flynn

Notes:

November meeting minutes were approved

Conflict of Interest Forms - we discussed the need for these forms each year. Those that had not filled out those forms took a minute to do so.

City code discussion:

Christina followed up on the city council study session discussion with Councilman Lowry.

Maryann Pickering gave a presentation on current code and planning guidelines.

Christina stated the problem is that the city planners are not arborists. The Tree commission offered resources to help with inspections.

Draper city council can give the city a list of objectives for the code and for objectives of the inspections

Todd Draper is a resource to help with guidance the the Tree commission as they provide objectives for the city code

Scott Cooley explained that the city projects are different than the other commercial and residential projects. The city projects do have inspectors and the process is different. Scott explained the specs need to be there up front in the planning process.

Scott said their plan is always to give the tree commission plans beforehand.

Maryann Pickering went through a presentation to cover:

1. Park Strip Trees
 1. Commercial
 2. Residential Subdivision
 3. Single Family Residence - the city won't be involved in dictating or enforcing
2. Non Park Strip Trees and Site Landscaping for Commercial and Multi-family
3. Maintenance and Follow up
4. Tree Diamonds - currently tree diamonds are not currently allowed

In our objectives, Fred Lowry asked (at the request of the mayor) if we could consider - "rip the strip." The tree commission said yes; we also said we would consider "Flip the Strip" and guidance from the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District guidelines.

Rhett covered the annual training presentation for the commission

Tom Flynn covered a citizen request for permission to remove trees from his property. City code currently says the city forester would need to provide approval. We all agreed we don't want to be involved in private property.

Rhett shared some common issues they see from homeowners on trees in the park strip. We need to consider how to handle these issues as we re-write the code.

Christina requested that we look at variance for street trees in Sun Crest due to the snow build up at that elevation when there are really narrow park strips.

Actions:

1. Tree Commission to provide a set of objectives
2. Review the Tree Planting Detail spec for city projects
3. Invite Maryann and Todd to the sub-committee meeting
4. Meeting - calendar invites to be sent.
5. Update the Tree ordinance
6. Tom to respond to homeowner for a letter that his HOA is requesting.

