
Draper Tree commission meeting - Tuesday April 6, 2020 8:00 a.m. Meeting notes
Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Electronic Meeting notice
3. Planning Department Follow up on Code Changes
4. Committee Reports
5. Sub Committee Reports
6. Adjournment

Attendees:

1. Fred Lowry
2. Rhett Ogden
3. MaryAnn Pickering
4. David Cloward
5. Laura Bakker
6. Todd Hammond
7. Janet Simonich
8. Tom Flynn
9. Jennifer Jastremsky

Code objectives:

- Jennifer covered the city response on commission sub-committee
- Discussion about inspection of trees to city codes - an additional resource would be required or utilize the tree commission - this would require city council approval due to liability concerns.
- Street Tree guide is a living document separate from the code - just needs city council approval when we make changes
- Request to make the Street tree guide for residential - which includes planting information
- Objective to avoid planing trees in road base - commission to work on the spec and city to work on the resource for inspection
- Tree diamonds - they are a deviation in the code and not approved normally. They could remove the option to ask for a deviation. They usually are implemented as part of CSDs (Commercial special districts) and go to city council. If staff puts forward a proposal to remove deviations for islands, that will not apply to CSDs. But, the commission could

talk to the council to ask for those to not be approved. Fred Lowry asked if the city council could give direction to the planning department to give direction to CSD planners and the answer was yes. It is a possibility to put it into city code. Fred Lowry will take this to the city council.

- Discussion about pros and cons of tree diamonds vs. islands
 - Commission will go look at an example of an island
- Action for the commission to go look at the relevant Jordan Valley Water conservancy district proposals
- City council would need to make decisions on water and trees for city entrances
- Discussion about clarity on park strips; what are the responsibilities of the homeowner vs. the city. We need to make this clear.
- Parks and trails - could we get trees planted on parks, this is a responsibility of parks and trails

Commission to make recommendations on how we

City will be looking at the code for amendments related to state requirements and this is immediate priority and will take a fair amount of time

Janet expressed desire that landscaping inspections would be treated the same as any other code requirement such as electrical.

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