

Draper Tree committee meeting - Tuesday Feb 1, 2022 8:00 a.m. Meeting Notes
Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of January meeting minutes
3. Review status and action items for February's Localscapes event
 1. Event planning
 2. Promotion plans
 3. Website content updates
4. Follow up on city's interest and plans to seek rebates from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
5. Follow up on plans and budget for city hall landscape
6. Discussion on adding tree/landscaping content to website along with resident responsibilities
7. Action Item Review
8. Adjourn

Attendees:

1. Taylor Parker
2. Brent Williams
3. Walt Roseman
4. Janet Simonich
5. Lisa Wilcox
6. David Cloward
7. Michelle Coker
8. Matt Evans
9. Jocelyn Kessler (by phone)
10. Tasha Lowery
11. Laura Bakker
12. Todd Hammond

We made introductions with some new faces and introduced and welcomed Tasha Lowery as our new liaison with city council.

JVWCD rebates

- We discussed current status of applying for rebates with JVWCD and the team brought Tasha up to speed on the objective and benefits. Tasha was able to get an update during the meeting from David Dobbins that the city still needed to qualify for adoption of JVWCD guidelines.

City Hall front landscape

- We described landscaping options for city hall and showed a video of what one of those might look like, but we did not discuss in detail without Rhett Ogden at the meeting.
- Taylor Parker offered a new option to consider of using different soil to stabilize the soil under the concrete and allow the roots to get nutrients without growing upwards and raising the concrete. It is called CU structural soil from Cornell university. Matt mentioned that we should talk with someone at Lagoon since they have had great success of growing large trees in planters and in between hardscapes.

Draper street tree guide:

- There was a box of pamphlets on table that were extremely old and we realized that the current version on the website is the same extremely old version. Questions were raised about whether the correct guide or any guide at all is being given to developers and planners.
- We discussed turning the guide into website content with a webpage for business rather than a document that needs to be searched for.
- We also discussed whether the guide needed to go through city council approval every time a change is made to add or remove a tree and Tasha suggested that we could use a much simpler process that the council has available for them to approve list items without going through a presentation and meeting on the subject.

Localscapes:

- Michelle covered localscapes plans of the three classes, intro, class 1 and workshop.
- We discussed having a localscapes for business
- We covered the communications plan for localscapes classes. In order to add content to the "community events" website, it needs to be an on-going class, so we decided we would explore making localscapes an on-going class; 2-3 times per year. Could Cynthia support us doing this a few times per year - Michelle to check
- HOAs are a key - Bellview and Suncrest are planning to do that. Ivory Homes are doing localscapes. We need to explore if there is an HOA directory that exists.
- Post it Draper Next door - cap it to Draper. Jocelyn to post and we all could post in our neighborhoods and Facebook pages. Facebook group Draper Happenings. Matt will post in that one.
- Class size limits - we set at 70, for on-line there is no limit. The localscapes university classes are available on-line
- In person consultation - JCWCD can send a tech to your home to consult on any water conservation options - to go Utahwatersavers.com
- In addition to the Mayor spotlight, we should highlight some Draper yards - Laura's brother-in-law example
- Matt asked about the city's plans and them setting the example - for example, the city was offering an option of 4" rock with no trees. Dave to email Todd about that.

The meeting was adjourned

Actions items

- Michelle to schedule a meeting to prepare content for intro class
- Dave to schedule a sub-committee meeting to discuss business webpage tree guide and adding content and small structural changes to residents tree guide
- Dave to schedule a meeting with Rhett to go over potential plans for city hall and next steps
- Jocelyn to send text to everyone to use for promotion of localscapes to post on facebook, NextDoor, and to use with HOAs
- Matt to post localscapes info on Draper facebook groups and to pursue HOAs
- Everyone to post localscapes info on their local Next Door groups
- Tasha and Rhett to continue to follow up with the city on JVWCD guideline adoption and rebates