

TREMONTON CITY CORPORATION
TREE BOARD
September 19, 2012

Members Present:

Marc Christensen, Chairman/Recreation Director
Shawn Warnke, City Manager
Paul Fulgham, Public Works Director
Lynn Green, Parks Superintendent
Lyle Holmgren, City Councilmember
Linsey Nessen, Deputy Recorder

Chairman Christensen called the Tree Board Meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.. The meeting was held September 19, 2012 in the City Council Meeting Room at 102 South Tremont Street, Tremonton, Utah. Chairman Marc Christensen, Manager Shawn Warnke, Director Paul Fulgham, Superintendent Lynn Green, City Councilmember Lyle Holmgren, and Deputy Recorder Linsey Nessen were in attendance.

1. Approval of agenda:

Motion by Director Fulgham to approve the September 19, 2012 agenda. Motion seconded by Superintendent Green. Vote: Chairman Christensen - aye, Manager Warnke - aye, Director Fulgham - aye, Superintendent Green - aye, and City Councilmember Holmgren - aye. Motion approved.

2. Approval of minutes: February 15, 2012

Motion by Director Fulgham to approve the minutes of February 15, 2012. Motion seconded by City Councilmember Holmgren. Vote: Chairman Christensen - aye, Manager Warnke - aye, Director Fulgham - aye, Superintendent Green - aye, and City Councilmember Holmgren - aye. Motion approved.

3. New Business:

- a. Discussion and consideration of approving future tree planting locations at the Civic Center Commons, Jeannie Stevens Park, and Library Park.

Chairman Christensen proposed that the Board keep a running list of trees. City Councilmember Holmgren wondered how the poplar trees are doing. Superintendent Green stated that the poplars are going brown because of heat and stress and City Councilmember Holmgren stated that the trees will need to be watered well this fall. Chairman Christensen stated that they thought of putting trees east of the pathway at Jeannie Stevens Park and Superintendent Green stated that east of the pathway by

the parking lot has a lot of sprinkler wires and pipe. He thought he knew where the wires went and he might be able to put a few trees east of the pathway. He stated that the power was against the fence so it wouldn't pose a problem for planting trees there. Superintendent Green felt that big trees would be best so it would shade the pathway. There is no way to shade the field because it is all open field. He felt it would be good to put some trees on the south end between the pathway and the fence between the golf course. The obstacles there would be the sprinkler wires and mains.

On the east part of the old football field, the City could put some trees on the north side of the pathway and put some trees on the very south end. Manager Warnke suggested to plant trees on the golf course side but close to the fence to stop stray golf balls. The Board decided it would better to keep the trees on the park's side of the fence. City Councilmember Holmgren wondered about planting trees along the sidewalk going to the snack shack. Superintendent Green also suggested putting trees by the skatepark. Manager Warnke suggested that they plant trees on both sides of the sidewalk and Superintendent Green stated they would need to be medium trees so they don't hang over the field, and you can't go down all the way on the North side because it gets smaller by the baseball field dugout.

Superintendent Green wants only fruitless trees so it isn't a mess along the sidewalk. City Councilmember Holmgren stated that Beech trees take a long time to grow, but Lindons are medium pear shaped trees that grow fairly fast and are hearty trees. The Lindons should be planted approximately 30 feet apart and can sometimes attract aphids. Superintendent Green reminded members that with mature trees it would increase the cost of lawn maintenance in the future to take care of the extra leaves. City Councilmember Holmgren wondered if the water table was too high to plant trees. Superintendent Green stated that the water table is about 4 ½ feet on good years, it shouldn't be a problem.

Motion by City Councilmember Holmgren to approve the location of new trees at Jeannie Stevens Park along the sidewalk going to the snack shack, by the skate park, up front by the parking lot, and on the south side of the walking trail. Motion seconded by Manager Warnke. Vote: Chairman Christensen - aye, Manager Warnke - aye, Director Fulgham - aye, Superintendent Green - aye, and City Councilmember Holmgren - aye. Motion approved.

Superintendent Green stated that the Bur Oak and Ash trees are doing well at the Civic Center commons, but the Sycamores both died. City Councilmember Holmgren thought Beech trees would look good at the Civic Center commons. Director Fulgham reminded the Board that if any new trees are planted, they shouldn't block the Christmas lights display. He thought that trees planted on the west side by the parking lot would keep the grass greener. Right now the area on the west side by the parking lot uses a lot of water and has no shade; he felt big trees would be good in

that spot. He suggested that any new trees be planted 10 feet from the pavement so they wouldn't be in danger of being pushed over when they plow snow in the winter. Superintendent Green felt that Bogota trees would do nicely there. Manager Warnke wondered if planting the trees 10 feet from the pavement would put them in the standing water that accumulates sometimes after watering. City Councilmember Holmgren thought it wouldn't be a problem. He also stated that the Cache County Fairgrounds have a lot of Christmas lights they would like to give to the City. The City has enough lights now and thought it would be good to give the lights to some of the merchants in the City to put up. Manager Warnke thought the Chamber of Commerce would be best at getting those lights to merchants to display.

Motion by Superintendent Green to plant trees on the west side of the grass by the parking lot and a couple of trees North and South of the pine tree at the Civic Center. Motion seconded by Director Paul Fulgham. Vote: Chairman Christensen - aye, Manager Warnke – aye, Director Fulgham – aye, Superintendent Green – aye, and City Councilmember Holmgren – aye. Motion approved.

Superintendent Green stated that shade for the playground at Library Park would need to come from the West and there just isn't room for any trees on the West of the playground. He doesn't think any trees should be planted in the open areas of the field where families like to get together and kids like to play games. Director Fulgham thought that trees would be okay on the perimeter of the detention basin but not in the bowl of the basin. City Councilmember Holmgren thought that Ash trees would be good, just not Blue Ash trees. Manager Warnke wondered if Ash trees would start to look bad as they mature. Superintendent Green felt that most trees start to look bad the bigger they get, but he really likes the Japanese Bogota tree as it hasn't had any dead limbs or bugs. He felt that the flagpole at Library Park is unstable and might be a good spot for a tree after the pole is removed. The Board decided to leave that area alone until the flagpole was gone.

Motion by City Councilmember Holmgren to plant Japanese Bogotas along the north side of the playground, and to not plant any trees in the open area per Superintendent Green's suggestion, conditional upon the Women's Civic League's approval; and to plant a small ornamental tree where the old pine tree was removed near the Library. They would come back with tree species later. Motion seconded by Manager Warnke. Vote: Chairman Christensen - aye, Manager Warnke – aye, Director Fulgham – aye, Superintendent Green – aye, and City Councilmember Holmgren – aye. Motion approved.

- b. Discussion and consideration of approving a list of tree species that may be used for future tree planting within City parks.

Manager Warnke provided the Board with a list of trees that he compiled that would work well in the City. City Councilmember Holmgren will also find some new varieties of trees that have a different leaf pattern or color that the City could use and will compile a list of trees that will work well in the City. City Councilmember Holmgren will need some time to get a list of 20-25 different tree species.

Motion by Manager Warnke to table item 3b, with City Councilmember Holmgren working on a possible list of trees to review in the future. Motion seconded by Superintendent Green. Vote: Chairman Christensen – aye, Manager Warnke – aye, Director Fulgham – aye, Superintendent Green – aye, and City Councilmember Holmgren – aye. Motion approved.

- c. Approval of the 2012 Tree Utah Grant Application and tree planting day.

Chairman Christensen stated that Manager Warnke has acquired an \$800.00 tree grant from Tree Utah, with the stipulation that the City have a tree planting day and education session. The City will also match the \$800.00 donation. Tree Utah wants to be present at the tree plantings. Manager Warnke wondered if the Board could purchase bigger caliber trees. City Councilmember Holmgren agreed that it would be better to put in larger trees. Superintendent Green has had more success planting smaller trees. The Coffee trees at North Park didn't do well because they were bigger with less root structure.

Chairman Christensen spoke to North Park Elementary and Alice C. Harris Intermediate School about planting trees. North Park Elementary 5th Graders could help plant trees at North Park during the day on October 23, 2012. Chairman Christensen stated that he will speak with North Park Elementary about what time works for them. City Councilmember Holmgren will check on getting a 4H group to come at 4:00 p.m. to plant Bogota trees at Meadow Park on October 23, 2012. City Councilmember Holmgren will also have the Utah State University Extension come to the planting to help educate the 4H group. The holes will be dug and ready to plant the trees when the kids arrive. Chairman Christensen will check with Ross at Tree Utah about having students at Alice C. Harris plant trees at Jeannie Stevens in the spring for Arbor Day.

Motion by City Councilmember Holmgren to approve the 2012 Tree Utah Grant for the North Park Elementary tree planting, with the choice of tree species left up to Superintendent Green, at North Park during the school day; and the Meadow Park tree planting of Bogota trees at 4:00 p.m. by the 4H Club with the Utah State University Extension. Motion seconded by Manager Warnke. Vote: Chairman Christensen – aye, Manager Warnke – aye, Director Fulgham – aye, Superintendent Green – aye, and City Councilmember Holmgren – aye. Motion approved.

4. Comments/Reports:

- a. Chairman/Recreation Director – Marc Christensen

No comments.

- b. Public Works Director – Paul Fulgham

No comments.

- c. City Councilmember – Lyle Holmgren

No comments.

- d. Parks Superintendent – Lynn Green

No comments.

- e. City Manager – Shawn Warnke

Manager Warnke stated that there are older trees at Library Park and at Harris Park on Main Street that have dead wood that needs to be cut out. He asked if Director Fulgham's department could use the manlift and cut out the dead wood. Director Fulgham thought the manlift could reach that high and they could take care of the dead wood at the Library Park. He would need to check the terrain at Harris Park to see if they could get to the trees with the manlift. If they can, they will take care of it.

5. Public comments: Comments limited to five minutes.

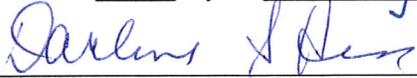
No public comments.

6. Adjournment:

Motion by Chairman Christensen to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by consensus of the Board. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

The undersigned duly acting and appointed Recorder for Tremonton City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Tree Board Meeting held on the above referenced date. Minutes prepared by Linsey Nessen.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2014



Darlene S. Hess, RECORDER

*Utah Code 52-4-202, (6) allows for a topic to be raised by the public and discussed by the public body even though it was not included in the agenda or advance public notice given; however, no final action will be taken.