

March 7, 2023 Draper Tree Committee meeting notes

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

1. Approval of February 2023 meeting minutes
2. Public education
 1. Localscapes class plan for April 22 and promotion
 2. Tree Utah event planning for May 6 - combined with Arbor Day celebration
3. City updates
 1. City landscaping code updates
 1. Adoption of JVVCD guidelines
 2. Other items such as removal of parking lot diamonds
 3. New planting specs for community development
 2. Pursuit of JVVCD grant money and proposed use
 3. City projects updates and plans
4. Adjournment

Attendees:

David Cloward
Taylor Parker
Rhett Ogden
Laura Bakker
Matt Evans
Eric Lundell
Walter Roseman
Lisa Wilcox
Tasha Lowery
Michelle Coker
Janet Simonich
Maryann Pickering

Notes:

Meeting minutes were approved

Localscapes class

- Set for Saturday 4/22
- Cynthia will send link for registration
- Promotion - we got a clip in the Draper Forward
- Info on website except for link
- Emails and signage is with Rhett and Jocelyn

Arbor Day

- On or around Arbor Day
- Must read declaration
- We can combine with the Tree Utah event on May 5 if the Mayor can join

Tree Utah event and Arbor Day

- City council combined with Arbor Day
- At least 15 trees to justify the event - on a Saturday or Friday evening
- Tree Utah would be willing to come back and do smaller events - could be a weekday evening
- Tree Utah doesn't normally do tree give-aways, but could support that
- Galena Park
 - Goal to make the park more family friendly and useful for game watching by providing shade trees
 - Tree location might need to allow for rotation of soccer fields
 - No irrigation work needed in advance
 - Gets dark about 8:30 - could do a Friday evening
 - We won't dig the holes beforehand - expect everyone to bring their own shovels
 - Use tarps
 - Soil amendment
- May 5th conflicts with a Cinco de Mayo event
 - Mayor needs to be at both
- We could start at 5:00 to avoid conflict and go to 8:00
- Taco truck might be an option - call it Trees and Tacos
- Tree Utah leads the discussion and the event
- We discussed whether we could plan on budget for these each year and Tasha said it depends upon the success of the neighborhood events

Taylor to follow up with Tree Utah

Replacement of street trees discussed - need to use new city engineering spec to replace soil first if needed

JVWCD recommendations will be adopted as part of the new codes revision

Tree diamonds were removed from the new codes except by exception approval

Discussed enforcement of street tree planting in residential developments by community development

- Community development could adopt the same standards as city development
- Resources for enforcement shouldn't be required before adoption because we don't enforce current tree standards
- Enforcement would be difficult due to the changing environment with no bonds required for approvals

- We really need a city forester or resource focused solely on trees and that hopefully could be partially funded through the JVWCD grants