

Minutes Tree Advisory Board
Thomas Center B
Room 301
June 12, 2017

The meeting convened at 4:18 PM. Board members present were Ivor Kincaide, E.J. Bolduc, Russell Adams. Also attending were Linda Demetropoulos (Nature Operations Manager), Mark Siburt (City Arborist), and Lacy Holtzworth. Joe Wolf (GRU Forester) was present during the last 10 minutes of the meeting. The agenda was approved, (motion EJ Bolduc; second, Russell Adams; unanimous). The minutes from the May 8th meeting were approved with revisions (motion, EJ Bolduc; second, Russell Adams; unanimous).

Old Business

Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee – Ivor provided an update on the Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee process which included a presentation to the General Policy Committee on May 25, 2017. The GPC tabled a vote until the July 27, 2017 agenda so that the committee members could review the large amount of recommendations. Linda was supportive of Ivor's presentation and comments. The Weiss Property was brought up during the GPC meeting and at the June 8, 2017 GPC meeting, the committee voted (5-2) to continue discussion for the purchase of the property with the city's portion being paid ½ from the Tree Mitigation Fund and ½ from the Greenspace Acquisition Fund.

Urban Forestry Workshop – Linda provided a recap of the discussion between PRCA and the Dept. of Doing/CBB for collaboration on the 2017 Urban Forestry Workshop. The TAB understood that collaboration with CBB on the 2017 Urban Forestry Workshop would not be possible. Russell made a motion that the TAB work towards facilitating their own workshop that is more technical in nature for February 2018, and that the item be placed on all agendas until the event (motion, Russell Adams; second, EJ Bolduc; unanimous).

New Business

Hazardous Tree Removal Policy – Mark explained that the Hazardous Tree Removal Policy had never been updated since it was create in 1997 and that the edits presented were to bring the policy up to date with the current Land Development Code and practices. The TAB approved the changes (motion, EJ Bolduc; second, Russell Adams; unanimous). The policy will be sent to the City Attorney's office for review before going to the City Commission. If any changes are made, the TAB will be informed.

City Arborist Position – Mark announced that he was leaving the city and that his last day would be June 30, 2017. Linda proposed that Lacy Holtzworth, Horticulturist, be the interim City Arborist, until the position if permanently filled. The City Manager still needed to approve this proposal. Russell made a motion of support for Lacy as the Interim City Arborist and that the TAB was there for any support, as needed (motion, Russell Adams; second, EJ Bolduc; unanimous).

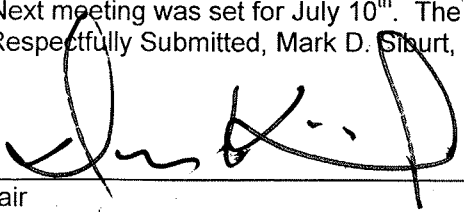
Manager's Report: Urban Forest Management Plan – Linda provided an update on the Urban Forest Management Plan. Dr. Andreu with UF/IFAS had provided a proposal for the work. The City Manager requested that an agenda item to be place on the July 27, 2017 GPC. The GPC already approved the use of the WSPP funds for the UFMP on December 8, 2016. Linda had drafted agenda item for the July 20th City Commission meeting that would have included a presentation of the Urban Forest Ecological Analysis; request approval of the UFMP contract in the amount of \$56,000; and request approval of the funding source (WSPP) but the request was denied.

GRU Update – Joe mentioned that the GRU Collaborative Design Committee presentation was pushed back again and they would be conducting some dry runs of the presentation (TBD) and invited the TAB.

Next meeting was set for July 10th. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.
Respectfully Submitted, Mark D. Siburt, City Arborist

Chair

Date



7-10-17