

Tree Committee Meeting

February 12, 2015

City Council Chambers

Members present: Harriet Gutknecht, JoAnne Hogan, Skip Jones, Patrick Waldrop, and Paul Fontenot. Jennifer Fidler; ex-officio. Rich Mueller; City Council member was absent. Gayle Fogarty took minutes.

Paul Fontenot called the meeting to order. The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, August 14, 2014 were reviewed and approved 1st motion by Patrick Waldrop and 2nd by Harriett Gutknecht and unanimously carried.

Arbor Day - Jennifer Fidler provided an update on Arbor Day set for February 28, 2015, she stated that the band would be at 9:30 a.m., ceremony at 10 a.m. and the tree giveaway would be held at 10:30 a.m. Also, she has invited vendors to have a table, if they provide something to the public free of charge, such as snacks, informational material, etc. Jennifer added that she would contact the building department for a list of business names that could be considered for beautification awards.

There was also discussion among the group as to when they could ride around and judge locations for the beautification awards. The group decided on February 13, as ordering the plaques for the award winners was time sensitive. Harriett updated the group on the seedling project – she stated that the South Bay Center for Technology donated 1,000 labels to be used to label the seedlings, also the master gardeners, boy scouts, wisteria garden club will be on hand to assist and the Tree City USA award will be presented at Arbor Day. There was general discussion of preparation details and the agenda for Arbor Day. Jennifer informed the group that the City will be giving mulch away at the warehouse during Arbor Day from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Treasured Trees – Patrick Waldrop provided an update on the treasured tree program, he mentioned several trees in town that could be potential treasured trees. There was general discussion among the committee members on this topic.

Reappointment/New Appointments of Tree Committee Members –

A motion was made to reappoint Paul Fontenot to the Tree Committee for another 3 year term, 1st by Harriet Gutknecht and 2nd by Jo Hogan, none opposed.

A motion was made to reappoint Skip Jones to the Tree Committee for another 3 year term, 1st by Harriet Gutknecht and 2nd by Jo Hogan, 20, 2015 none opposed.

A motion was made to appoint Allison Chang to the Tree Committee for a 3 year term, 1st by Jo Hogan and 2nd by Skip Jones, none opposed.

There was discussion of setting future Tree Committee meeting dates, the committee agreed on the following dates, the meetings will be held in the Conference Room at City Hall.

- Thursday, May 21, 2015
- August 20, 2015
- Thursday, November 5, 2015

There being no other business, the committee adjourned at 4 p.m.