

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

1/14/2021
4:39-5:24pm
Zoom

Meeting called by:	Chair Theresa Haase	Type of meeting:	Forestry & Parks Commission
Facilitator:	Derek Barry	Note taker:	Derek Barry
Timekeeper:	Derek Barry		
Attendees:	Chair Theresa Haase, Commissioner Ben Bridges, Community Services Manager Derek Barry		

Minutes

Agenda item:	Approval of December 2020 meeting minutes	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion:

Approved the minutes of the December 2020 meeting

Conclusions:

Commissioner Bridges moved to approve minutes, Chair Haase seconded.

Agenda item:	Public Comment	Presenter:	Theresa Haase
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Discussion:

No public comments

Conclusions:

Public comment was opened and closed with no interested parties.

Agenda item:	Tree Code Discussion	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion:

Policy update on the street tree code continues with discussion of sidewalk code. Staff is working with consultant that was hired for sidewalk code update. Staff will send most current draft version to commissioners to review for February meeting. Education and public outreach will be a big part of the code changes. Commissioner Bridges wondered how staff would work to educate the entire City. Chair Haase had similar question and would like to see the different avenues utilized.

Conclusions:

Will work on addressing commissioners' input.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send updated draft code changes to commissioners	Derek Barry	1/22/2021

Agenda item:	Commissioners	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion:

Chair Haase accepted the nomination from the December 2020 meeting. Commissioner Bridges moved to have Chair Haase serve as Chair. Chair Haase seconded it motion. Commissioner Elfers emailed his intentions to continue serving on the Forestry & Parks Commission. Derek Barry will reach out to Commissioner Stewart to see if she is interested in continuing to be a commissioner. Staff will work on advertising open spots on the Commission through the SBLSD as well as in our Parks and along the Sumner Link Trail.

Conclusions:

Chair Haase will continue to be Chair for the Forestry & Parks Commission.

Agenda item: Parks Planning & Development**Presenter:** Derek Barry**Discussion:**

Staff will be bringing a budget amendment to Council to fund the initial site prep and clearing along with funding for a consultant to assist in planning the park. The City is anticipating doing both the new park and Seibenthaler park plans at the same time to maximize public input and resources. A temporary dog park at Seibenthaler was also supported in providing a temporary park while engaging the public in planning for park improvements.

Conclusions:

Will continue to work with Commission on parks planning and development.

Agenda item: Commission Comments**Presenter:** Derek Barry**Discussion:**

Commissioner Bridges asked about opportunities to replace Arbor Day street trees that were recently damaged.

Conclusions:

Staff will work on addressing which trees were damaged and if replacements are available.

Agenda item: Staff Comments**Presenter:** Derek Barry**Discussion:**

Derek Barry shared that because of the work of the Forestry & Parks Commission we are starting to see planned improvements. He looks forward to keeping the momentum moving forward and reminded commissioners that if they know of anyone that would be interested in joining the commission it would be a great time to get involved. There are a lot of improvements moving forward.

Conclusions:

None.