

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

3/11/2021

4:35pm-5:15pm

Zoom

Meeting called by:	Derek Barry	Type of meeting:	Forestry & Parks Commission
Facilitator:	Theresa Haase	Note taker:	Derek Barry
Timekeeper:	Derek Barry		
Attendees:	Commissioners Ben Bridges, Andy Elfers, Theresa Haase, Matthew Kenna, Dennis Tompkins, Community Services Manager Derek Barry, Parks Supervisor Dan Gates		

Minutes

Agenda item:	Approval of February 2021 meeting minutes	Presenter:	Theresa Haase
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Discussion:

Approved the minutes of the February 2021 meeting

Conclusions:

Commissioner Kenna moved to approve minutes, Elfers seconded.

Agenda item:	Approved Street Tree List	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion:

Commissioner Tompkins wants to reduce the number of trees on the list. Derek will mail Dennis the list so he can go through the list to make recommendations at the April meeting. Dan Gates will also review to reduce. Derek will reorganize the list to show each planter width on their own page.

Conclusions:

A new Approved Street Tree list will be updated further and brought for recommendation at the April meeting.

Agenda item:	Other	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion:

There has been a lot of interest in people applying to join the Forestry & Parks Commission. There are still several interviews before recommendations will be presented to the Mayor and Council for appointment. Looking forward to adding people interested in the different areas of our commission.

The 2021 Cemetery Master Plan continues to be worked on. Will be brought to the commission in April with draft version for consideration in May. Plans are to take to Study Session in June for formal adoption in July. Scott will be retiring in August and it would be nice to have this completed by that time as a sort of legacy.

Arbor Day 2021 will be Saturday, April 24th with just people from the households receiving trees along with staff and commissioners wanting to be a part of it. Commissioner Tompkins mentioned we should share background information on the trees when mailing the homeowners.

The Parks Master Plan RFQ responses are due next week. The responses will be evaluated, and top consultant groups may be interviewed. May and June will likely kickoff the process along with public input.

Chair Haase inquired about what was going on with the 32nd St E property. Shared that could be a good place for a dog park.

Agenda item: Commissioner comments

Presenter: Theresa Haase

Discussion:

Commissioner Kenna shared that Loyalty Park is being well used. Commissioner Elfers agreed.

Agenda item: Staff Comments

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Derek Barry shared his appreciation of the commissioners and that their efforts have made the most recent projects and current projects possible.