

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

4/08/2021

Zoom

Meeting called by:	Derek Barry	Type of meeting:	Forestry & Parks Commission
Facilitator:	Derek Barry	Note taker:	Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Andy Elfers, Dennis Tompkins, Community Services Manager Derek Barry

Minutes

Agenda item:	Approval of March 2021 meeting minutes	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion:

Approved the minutes of the March 2021 meeting

Conclusions:

Approved by Commissioners Elfers & Tompkins

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

Dan Gates reviewed the list and recommends we keep the same number of trees. This allows diversity in the urban forest. A note added to the list for people to work with City Staff and the Forestry & Parks Commission when identifying appropriate street trees in planter strips larger than eight feet. A new Approved Street Tree list is to be sent to the Permit Counter.

Conclusions:

Approved by Commissioners Elfers & Tompkins

Agenda item:	Sumner Municipal Code (SMC) update 12.60.040 & .050	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion:

The goal is to clarify rules as it relates to human waste and urination. The language was vague and didn't spell out that you cannot do that in the parks, trails, facilities. The second part of the update is to change park hours. It is currently 6am – 10pm. Those hours are hard to enforce during darker seasons. To better align with community needs and making enforcement easier the hours are recommended to move from 8am to dusk.

Conclusions:

Approved by Commissioner Elfers & Tompkins

Agenda item:	Commissioner comments	Presenter:	Derek Barry
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Discussion:

Commissioner Elfers mentioned the benches and brought up the Seibenthaler drainage issue we've identified. This item will be included and addressed in our upcoming Parks Master Plans.

Agenda item: Staff Comments

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Derek reminded the commissioners that the Arbor Day planting is April 24th and that attendance is not required.