

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

8/12/2021

Zoom

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note taker: Derek Barry/Ashli Austin

Attendees: Commissioners Austin, Crawford, Elfers, Haase, Huffington, Community Services Manager Derek Barry

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of July 2021 meeting minutes

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Approved the minutes of the July 2021 meeting.

Conclusions:

Approved

Agenda item: Park Reservation Summary

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

The commission recommends reservation system with no fees leaving some areas not available for reserving. The city already uses software that is used by neighboring communities. We could do a few locations at first and ensure proper spacing in reservation times. With no staffing on weekends a sheet should be made available with information on who has reservations.

Agenda item: Tree Updates

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Three trees were recently removed. Cottonwoods along the trail that were hazardous were cut and left in the shoreline for habitat. One dead maple was removed near the parking lot. Dan will make a recommendation for heritage trees to be replanted from our tree nursery to provide shade in our parks. Two trees in the median were run over on Valley Ave, staff to replace later with shrubs as this is a reoccurring and expensive problem.

Agenda item: Master Plans Update

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

The Cemetery Master Plan will be taken to the CD Committee for review with hopes of passing in October. The Parks Master Plan kickoff survey was promoted and is available online. Staff is printing out surveys for residents of AA Manor as was suggested by the onsite manager.