

URBAN FORESTRY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Date:	9-20-21
Time:	4:30 – 6:30 pm
Place:	Virtual Zoom Meeting
Attending:	UFS: Chair Jim Buck, Vice Chair Britt McConn, Carol ‘Caz’ Zyvatkaukas, Steve Stevens, Jay Adams Staff: Jim Wheeler, Tina Osterink Council: Council President Morales PC liaison: Commissioner Ruonala
Absent	Councilor DiNucci, Keith Warren, Greg Bettis

1. Agenda Item #1 Chair Update/ Call to order 4:33	
Discussion:	Karen B. from DES introduced herself.
	Janet U and Chair Buck raised concerns about dead trees due to heat-on Powell Blvd there are 7 trees.
	Karen mentioned too much mulch and fire danger and re-apply after weeding – water transport is difficult and working in medians is a hazard.
	Steve – consider designing medians differently.
	Chair Buck- PC and CC Sept 7 meeting Coordinating Committee Discussion – help inform PC work plan.
	Commissioner Ruonala – Several comments on Trees – Need Conditions of Approval with Design Commission.
	Council President Morales – no additional update. Vice Chair McConn– Milwaukie resident program informal that tree board had access to. She will provide details.
	Chair Buck – sent thank you note to Gradin volunteers.
	Chair Buck – Bee city email, do we have a response and update on this effort?
Decisions:	None.
Action Items:	Tina to ask Trans if have staff to add more mulch to survive next summer and ask: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. how can deep watering occur? 2. what other practices can we institute that would work for Transportation Dept. to address concerns Karen stated above?
	Tina to inquire with OGM on status of Bee City USA resolution.

2. Agenda Item #2 DES Stormwater and Trees Presentation and Q & A

<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Karen shared visuals of different stormwater facilities. Hornbeams did not like water so replacing with Tupelo.</p> <p>Shared Glisan and Stark Street examples.</p> <p>Pros Increase street canopy Allows for more storm water Aesthetics Habitat</p> <p>Cons Difficult to establish due to hot summers Tree bag watering is time consuming Costs due to maintenance (branches, pruning)</p> <p>Chair Buck: Why go entire length on Butler? Karen: Needed to widen Butler so new drainage required this in Brookside Phase 5 – it’s a sizing factor – Karen will be planting those in Oct 2021 – 6 – 8 trees/ hot dry environment Tina asked how measuring – metrics? Karen- Survivability after 3 years or not – just getting to a large size now to assess health. Chair Buck – tree pruning at bank</p> <p>Vice-Chair McConn: – and Keri – Tree List and species diversity – Tree List – Jim W—it can be done separately but Tina says alignment is better.</p> <p>Keri – she has species diversity concerns.</p> <p>Chair Buck – can do pilot of blocks with one or two species?</p> <p>Jim Wheeler – alignment with tree code that Tina mentioned to address above since tree code has those requirements.</p> <p>Steve – Have tried Ash? Karen – No Steve – rock drainage issue – in conflict (can’t where depth too high) (condition space below tree) – can consider designing the tree well so drainage rock is not below the Karen – excavate – drainage rock below the sidewalk now – trees did not do well in these conditions – Brookside chose to address rooftop drainage so used rock gallery</p>
<p>Decisions:</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Action Items:</p>	<p>Are there other trees aside of Tupelo that can handle wet feet?</p>

3. Agenda Item #3 Neighborhood Tree Plan and Canopy Mapping Update and Powers and Duties Discussion	
Discussion:	<p>Caz – City can work with schools to hold a tree planting at school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Who buys trees and all logistics? ■ How can reach others especially translation and how reach them with flyers? <p>Caz – Supports having community input on what this committee should be doing.</p>
Decisions:	<p>The group agreed on the following two items related to the NTP Survey and Powers and Duties Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vice Chair McConn– Can add to the NTP survey –“How can the UFS better serve you?” 2. Vice Chair McConn – Build that list work session – focus group –separate meeting or next UFS meeting.
Action Items:	<p>Chair Buck will work on a draft of powers and duties as a next step.</p> <p>Neighborhood Tree Plan: Caz can drop off maps at city hall for others to use.</p> <p>Powers and Duties: Tina – will coordinate enumerated list from UFS Chair Buck – Need more on education in powers and duties Vice Chair McConn– Not tied tree development into – PC guidance Commissioner Ruonala – Individual PC/UFS meet up idea to go over the Powers and Duties</p>

Next Meeting:	Oct. 18, 2021
Adjournment:	6:30 pm