

**Hudson Urban Forestry Meeting Minutes**  
**City of Hudson, Council Chambers**  
**Feb 17, 2016**

Members Present: Ken Holman, John Hoggatt, Bill Bauman, John Mueller, Tom Zeuli,  
Tim Shafer, Liz Malanaphy, Starla Enger

Others in attendance: Buck Malick

4 community members

Chairman Holman called meeting to order at 6:30

**Minutes Jan 13, 2016 HUFB meeting:** Motion by Shafer to approve minutes, Second by Hoggatt; Motion carried

**Community members input and concerns:**

- There was concern expressed regarding boulevard trees and whether there will be opportunity to move trees that can be moved before vine street reconstruction.
- Ken Holman will conduct a survey of the street to evaluate how many trees will need to be removed and will inform and make recommendations for tree removal and replacement. There will be an overall design developed that will be made public as to tree replacement.

**Tree of the Year update: Kentucky Coffee Tree**

- Plan for ordering trees will be finalized.
- Cost per tree has been quoted as \$89.00 per tree.
- Recommendations as to content of the communication to promote and facilitate the project included
  - Payment process- Checks mailed or dropped off at city hall
  - Presentations will be made at Rotary Clubs to promote project
  - Ordering only open to Hudson City residents with goal to have trees planted within the city.
  - One tree per order
  - The goal is to have 30 trees ordered by community members
  - Communicate that there is a limited number of trees available at a first come first serve basis.

**Update on Tree Trek**

- A meeting will be planned within the next two weeks to determine the route of the trail and species.
- Current plan is to include lake front park on the south to the railroad bring on the north.

### **Vine Street Reconstruction update**

- Designs are complete and are ready for approval at the next City Council Meeting on Monday Feb 22, 2016.
- Recommended that HUFB have input into tree spacing and species selection
- It is recognized that there is a strong connection between Urban Forestry management and storm water management.

### **Update on Inventory of Ash trees**

- Malick shared the fact sheet that will be used to communicate the project to school groups in order to ask for community involvement in the inventory of ash trees on private property within the city.
- A mobile app is being developed to facilitate the collection of data using mobile devices.
- The goal of this inventory goes beyond a one time survey but will hopefully facilitate an ongoing communication with homeowners as to the health of the inventoried ash trees.
- Homeowners will have the option to register in order to receive updates and other information
- It was decided no paper form will be used to collect inventory data. All data will be done through the mobile app.

### **Gravel Bed Expansion**

- Plans are underway for the construction of a second gravel bed
- It was advised that members of the HUFB meet with city staff to learn about the specifications of the gravel bed
- Outreach is needed regarding gravel bed project to inform community members about how it works and the benefits of a gravel bed system

### **Tree Inventory Software update**

- GIS services and Web development
- Letter of engagement has been received from Bolton and Menk INC to proceed with the development and implementation of new software that will help facilitate ash inventory as well as other city management needs.

### **EAB Public Meeting**

- Meeting will be held on March 16 from 6-8:00 pm at the Willow River Elementary Auditorium.
- HUFB will make a presentation to promote various activities of the board. The following will be included in the presentation
  - Arbor day promotion- invite community members to participate in the April 30 Arbor day events.
  - Ash tree removal information
  - Woodpecker activity as a tool for monitoring EAB infestations
  - Web site information
  - Handouts will be provided

- Tree of the Year promotion
- A pruning demonstration may occur prior to the meeting on trees near Willow River School. The details of this demo still need to be worked out, but it was suggested that the demo start around 5:00

### **EAB treatment update**

- Quotes have been received for new equipment
- It was suggested that new neighborhood be identified for treatment based on results of inventory data
- Discussion about other treatment strategies

### **Future Discussion:**

- Plan for Arbor Day celebration-Mueller is in communication with EP Rock Staff to help plan the Friday school event.
- Arbor Daze events needing leaders to plan and conduct are:
  - Official Arbor Day Celebration, Friday, April 29, mid-afternoon at EP Rock Elementary School (John Mueller)
  - Multiple events on Saturday, April 30, from 9am until we're done, include
    - Phipps Center Honeylocust Planting on 1<sup>st</sup> St (Ken Holman)+
    - Heeling Bare root Trees into 1 old & 1 new Gravel bed at the West Garage, and
    - Planting with North Hudson Neighbors - Chief Jansen Memorial Park, time TBD
- Participation in Earth Day event at Camp St. Croix- Liz Malanaphy will contact coordinator to reserve a table space.

**Next Meeting:** March 23, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:00pm, Hudson City Council Chambers

Schafer motioned to adjourn at 8:00. Hoggatt second, MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by John Mueller  
HUFBS Secretary