

Hudson Urban Forestry Meeting Minutes  
City of Hudson, Council Chambers  
March 23, 2016

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

Members Absent: John Mueller, Liz Malanaphy,

Others in attendance: Buck Malick, Michele Hansen, Doug Weinstein, and others

Chairman Holman called meeting to order at 6:30

**Minutes February 17, 2016 HUFB meeting:** Motion by Hoggatt, second by Shafer to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 HUFB meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

**Project Update – “2016 Tree of the Year “** Holman stated the Tree of the Year application is available on the city website. It was suggested flyers be distributed to local nurseries and also in the local newspaper.

Shafer stated the “2016 Tree of the Year” program is available only to residents who reside within the City of Hudson. Noted there are 30 – 1 ½ inch callipered Kentucky Coffee trees that will be available. He noted the deadline for submitting the application and payment is April 26, 2016.

Enger suggested pre-planting recommendations and planting guidelines be included with the purchaser’s payment notification. The overall Board agreed that any requests for assistance be handled on a case by case basis. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Project update: Vine Street reconstruction project – spading salvage trees, replacements list/purchasing:** Hoggatt stated the Public Works Committee discussed the Vine Street project and the trees that are proposed to be removed, relocated, and replaced. He noted that the preconstruction meeting is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> and a neighborhood informational meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Holman stated the proposed number of trees to be removed along Vine Street is 58. He noted additional information is needed to determine the final number that will be replanted but estimates it at 100. Holman commented that more than a dozen varieties of trees will be proposed for the Vine Street project.

Holman provided photos of a large number and types of trees that were taken in St. Paul neighborhoods. He pointed out the tree structure, insect threats, disease resistant, higher maintenance verses lower maintenance, and several other attributes of the various types of trees.

Weinstein, 719 Vine Street, questioned which trees were salvageable. Holman stated trees with 3 inch caliper or below have a higher survival rate for transplanting. Michele Hansen requested the memory tree that was planted at 716 Vine Street be considered for transplanting.

Zeuli stated the contractor for the project is scheduled to plant the new trees in the later part of the project, later this summer or early fall. It was suggested that gator bags be used for watering the new plantings.

**Debrief on EAB Public Meeting, Wed, March 18, 2016 6-8 p.m. at Willow River Elementary School**

Holman stated the EAB seminar was well attended, approximately 80 from across St. Croix and Pierce

counties. Noted the EAB Flowchart Guide and Woodpecker Flecking were among some of the handouts available and discussed at the seminar. It was recommended the seminar be held on an annual basis. Holman noted EAB has been detected near the rest area on I-94, west of the MN/WI bridge.

**Update: Earth Day Event at Camp St. Croix** Enger stated Earth Day will be celebrated on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Camp St. Croix. She requested the EAB, Woodpecker Flecking, Arbor Day and the Tree of the Year program flyers be available for pickup prior to the date. Malanaphy will have a table and get tree handouts from Deb.

**Update: Arbor Day events:** The overall Board agreed to change the Arbor Day event to 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. due to the different events taking place throughout the day. It was recommended the times for the various plantings and locations be listed on the flyer.

Zeuli recommends staff build the gravel bed prior to the event and also heeling in of at least half or more of the trees in the bed prior to the event day.

It was suggested that a display board including all the grant components be available on the day of the event. The Board agreed to provide a lunch at the garage for participants. In addition, Smokey Bear and other vendors will be on site. Ken will work with Deb to update the Arbor Day activities – Tasks & Tools spreadsheet.

**2016 DNR Urban Forestry Grant** Zeuli stated the chemicals and a new set of injection equipment have been purchased for treatment of Ash trees. He noted that Grandview Drive and Cudd's Addition are being targeted for this spring, once the canopy is fully developed.

Malick stated the Inventory of Private Ash Trees project is in the process, with the curriculum going out to students in late April and results expected back towards the end of May.

Holman stated the gravel bed will be constructed in the upcoming weeks. He encouraged members to assist, take photos, etc.

Holman stated the Tree Trek program will include a portion of Lakefront Park's north trail and also the downtown area. He noted a few of the historic trees in other locations will also be identified. It was suggested a bike trek route for future consideration. Hoggatt stated the mobile app is being developed that will include script and a training video on identifying the trees. It was suggested a demonstration at the Arbor Day celebration.

**Topics for future discussions** Holman commented that concerns have been raised about the removal of brush and trees along the riverfront. He recommended future discussions take place regarding the vegetation management of shoreline in conjunction with the fisheries, migratory birds, etc. Zeuli stated a landscape plan for Lakefront Park is an option for future plantings.

Holman suggested the next meeting take place on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews, Acting Secretary