

City of Hudson Urban Forestry Meeting Minutes
City of Hudson, Council Chambers
July 13, 2016

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

Others in attendance: Buck Malick,

Chairman Holman called meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes- Motion by Hoggat, Second by Enger to approve minutes of May 18, 2016, HUFB meeting, Motion carried

Agenda items

Tree of the year – Kentucky Coffeetree: Deadline for orders was extended to Oct 1. So far 6 have been sold. It was suggested that more promotion be done through Hudson Star Observer. Malick will create a media release.

Vine Street Update:

- Project is on schedule and going well
- All salvageable trees have been relocated
- Replacement trees will go in at the end of the project most likely at the end of October. It was suggested that there be some media coverage during the replanting phase
- Holman offered to assist in selection of trees.
- Contract for replacement trees is through Willow River Tree farm.
- Homeowner at 8th and Vine had concerns about sight lines from their driveway. Holman will follow up with the homeowner

Grant Components:

1. Software update:

- Meetings to address components and training are ongoing

2. Inventory of Private Ash trees:

- The first attempt to get school district families involved was not successful
- Hoggart, Malick, and Mueller met to discuss next steps on July 8. Results of this meeting:
 - It was determined that River Crest Elementary will act as a pilot school to get families involved with collecting inventory data.
 - Teachers will be given information at the beginning of the school year regarding the goals of the project.
 - Students will be asked to participate in a citizen science project that will assist the city in assessing the extent and condition of ash trees on private property.
 - The River Crest pilot will help refine the process to be used in bringing other schools into the project.
 - The UF Board and city staff will use the results from all schools to determine the environmental and fiscal impacts of the emerald ash borer, and make recommendations to the Public Works Committee and City Council.

3. Tree Trek

- Still in beginning phase of selecting trees. Holman, Mueller and Bauman will continue to plan on how this project will be implemented, focusing on Lakefront Park and downtown trees.
- It was suggested that the board plan a time to walk the tree trek trail at River Crest Elementary established this spring.

4. Gravel Bed:

- Expansion is complete. Enger will be meeting with Master Gardener's group to discuss the gravel bed.

5. EAB Treatments

- Treatments have been completed on 20 trees. Due to the size of some trees more chemical was needed to treat thus reducing the number of total trees that were able to be treated. This may mean we'll fall short of our grant project goals for numbers of trees treated. Zeuli will look into obtaining more chemicals

Fall Planting:

- Oct. 8 has been set for the fall planting with Oct 15 as a rain date
- Rotary club is interested in assisting with the planting
- Planning is needed to determine locations and training needed. Ken will work with staff to draft a list of planting locations for the Board to review.
- Need to establish location for 40-45 trees: The following were areas discussed
 - Area just north of freeway near plaza 94
 - Grandview Street, to replace street trees lost to storms.
 - Dog park at Grandview Park

Other Business:

- A banner to be used to promote HUFb activities is still in progress. Malanaphy is leading the design
- Holman shared a pamphlet regarding the selection of trees from the Iowa DNR. Entitled "Selecting trees for your yard, The Case for Species Diversity." The Board will consider this piece as we expand our community outreach efforts.

Future Topics for Discussion

- Pre-planting procedures for fall planting day
- Line up people to assist planting of Tree of the Year trees purchased by homeowners
- Planting locations for fall planting day
- Park board shoreline restoration plan - How can HUFb be involved?

Next Meeting: Aug 17, 6:30 , Hudson City Council Chambers with possible alternative: (The Board is very interested in meeting at River Crest School, in order to walk the Tree Trek established this past spring. John Mueller will look into securing an indoor meeting space.)

Hoggat motioned to adjourn at 8:00, Enger second, MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by John Mueller
HUFb Secretary