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Meeting Minutes HABITAT STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

4:30 PM

Goodman Maint. Facility,
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy,
1st Floor Conference Room

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee of the Park Commission was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility, 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway.

Bassett called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Bassett, Sean Gere, Nancy Ragland, and Brock Woods.

Members excused: Evelyn Howell.

Parks Staff Present: Charlie Romines, Marla Eddy.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bassett, seconded by Gere to approve the Minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker:

Neal Hooper Lofton discussed the ability of the City to use waste wood to make pallets that could be resold. He mentioned the sawmill grant that the City has applied for from the State DNR.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no Disclosures or Recusals by members of the Subcommittee.

V STAFF REPORT -INFORMATIONAL

A Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Staff Update

City Forester Marla Eddy presented the EAB Task Force recommendations. City Forester Eddy presented how the Task Force recommendations had went through seven subcommittees and were adopted by the Common Council in September. City Forester Eddy presented the most prevelant issues that were identified through this process as:

1. Direct injection being the preferred method of chemical treatment.
2. All chemical treatments should consider the impacts on water quality.
3. Chemical Treatment is an important tool in protecting the urban forest and should be used.

City Forester Eddy presented the plan for branch sampling for EAB in 2013 to the Subcommittee. City Forester Eddy discussed how the recently finished inventory of ash trees in parks will be potentially helpful in ensuring the 0.6 mile grid is maintained. City Forester Eddy also discussed the plans for 200 preemptive removals in 2013 of poor quality ash trees and that a new EAB website is soon to be available.

The subcommittee discussed current situations in neighboring communities and the responses to the EAB within Dane County. The subcommittee discussed uses of increased wood waste that will come with an EAB infestation. Parks Operations Manager Charlie Romines discussed the process for using waste wood for playground surfacing.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A 2012 City of Madison Heritage Tree Program Nominations

City Forester Marla Eddy presented the Heritage Tree nominations for 2012. City Forester Eddy presented the process that was used to evaluate the nominations a review group. The subcommittee discussed what a Heritage Tree designation is and what it does. Park Operations Manager Charlie Romines discussed how these trees would receive special status within the normal Forestry management plan.

The subcommittee discussed the individual applications and how they were evaluated. Subcommittee member Sean Gere discussed the concept of improving the methods for evaluating the trees by mirroring the Wisconsin State Champion Tree program. The subcommittee discussed whether to vote on the entire recommendation or to vote on individual trees.

A motion was made by Bassett, seconded by Gere to Approve the Heritage Tree designations for 2012, and to Recommend the list to the Board of Park Commissioners.

VII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bassett, seconded by Woods to Adjourn at 5:28 P.M.