

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Monday, August 17, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Members present: Dave Miller, Tim Latimer, Mike Masterson, and Beth Berg.

Dave Miller reported on his interview with Fred Cavinder of the Southsider Voice. He was pleased with the news article as far as information on the tree inventory, but felt there was too much emphasis on him, which was not his intention.

There was discussion on several items related to the tree inventory. For the In-Kind Labor forms, Miller's rate for all hours should be \$25, reflecting his status as a certified arborist. Beth Berg will contact Pam Louks to verify who needs to sign-off on the forms as the project supervisor. Plans for mapping park trees were also discussed. Mike Masterson will check with Crossroads Engineering about getting aerial maps of our city parks, which would be overlaid with grids for marking the location of individual trees. We probably want to number those trees, which would require purchasing aluminum nails and tags. Different size nails will be needed to accommodate the thickness of bark. It was also clarified that we will not inventory scrub trees or any tree that would not be replaced if removed. Miller and Tim Latimer turned in their inventory sheets for zones one and six.

Miller was asked if the commission would have any input on landscaping for the Main Street Project. He will push for that, largely to ensure that plantings will be low maintenance and appropriate for the site. As an example of what we'd want to avoid, the red maples planted under the power lines along Emerson Avenue will be a problem as they mature.

Miller will be attending a risk assessment and pruning workshop on Saturday, September 16th. Also, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Fall Conference will be held on October 14 at the KIBI (Keep Indianapolis Beautiful) building on Fletcher.

Masterson suggested an area for planting shade trees: along Detroit Street behind the middle school. This would be a great project for the community, providing shade for football practice and girls softball. Appropriate trees would be large, with no low limbs but a big canopy. Latimer thought Lowe's might have grants available for school projects.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, September 21, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Greenscape Commission Secretary