

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Monday, September 21, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Members present: Dave Miller, Tim Latimer, Brian Clayton, and Beth Berg.

There was a discussion on replacing Mike Masterson on the commission. This will be an appointment by the mayor, so any names of persons willing to serve will be forwarded for his consideration.

Remaining zones to be inventoried for street trees are nine, which Dave Miller will do, three, which Beth Berg will do, one, which Tim Latimer will complete, and four, which members will try to do as a group. Then we can move on to park trees. Berg will contact Masterson to see if he will still be able to get us maps of the parks from Crossroads Engineers. Berg will also contact Pam Louks to see what we need to do to amend our grant agreement to map park trees on paper rather than by GIS mapping.

Miller shared information he learned at the DNR's recent seminar on Liability, Risk Assessment, and Pruning. Miller also plans to pursue providing a pruning class for city employees, perhaps after the grass-cutting season ends. He envisions a half-day session, though Linda Purcell from Purdue University would be able to provide a full day session at not cost.

Members discussed a suggestion to protect trees in the wooded area between the Hornet Park Community Center and Pathways Clubhouse. This is a rare "old growth" area with many native trees and so it would be beneficial to preserve these woods and protect them from future development.

Miller performed six inspections, two right-of-way trees for the Board of Works, one right-of way and one park tree at the request of residents, one private property tree, and right-of-way trees in the Woods at the request of their neighborhood association. Recommendations were to remove a catalpa tree at 61 N 6th Ave that is rotten and damaging the sidewalk, remove a large limb from an elm tree at 900 buffalo, remove a sycamore tree in Sara Bolton Park along the road to the upper shelter, and remove a dying tree near the parking area south of the creek in Sara Bolton Park to make room for telephone pole placement for Digital City.

Miller also presented a suggestion that no more Callery Pear trees be planted in the city.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, October 19, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Greenscape Commission Secretary