

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Monday, December 15, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room A

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

Dave Miller complimented Tim Latimer on his presentation for the commission to the City Council

Miller presented the information for our Tree City Recertification application.

- Tree Board (Greenscape Commission) members and meeting dates.
- Amendment to the Tree Ordinance.
- Total community forest expenditures, both cash and in-kind contributions.
- A work plan for the year, based on landscape plantings and maintenance performed by the city's parks and public works departments.
- Arbor Day proclamation and photos or news coverage of the event.

Beth Berg will contact Sarah Kincaid about expenditures for nursery stock and services contracted with Complete Tree Service.

Mike Masterson suggested tagging trees on the Greenway Trail that should be saved and protected as well as those that are hazardous and should be removed. Mike will contact the Schneider Corporation regarding what stage of the planning process they are in.

Miller suggested we schedule a meeting with Brad Meriwether, city Projects Manager, about requirements for setting up the database for the tree inventory to be used with the city's GPS scanner (PDA). Berg will contact Meriwether and invite him to attend our January meeting.

Miller reminded members there is a mandatory workshop for the tree inventory grant on January 15 at Fort Harrison. The subject of the meeting is required paperwork and reports. It is not necessary for all members to attend. Sarah Kincaid will be invited as well.

Latimer reviewed the requirements for the Tree City USA Growth Award. It is possible the city may qualify for consideration next year.

Latimer also shared his conversations with our local newspapers about publicizing the work of our commission. Basically, if we want anything in the Southside Times, we need to just prepare it ourselves and submit it to the paper.

The next meeting of the commission will be Tuesday, January 20, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Greenscape Commission Secretary