

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Monday, September 15, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

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

The commission reviewed and approved a proposed budget for next year's tree inventory to be included with our grant application. The minimum request for grant monies is \$2,000, and if the grant is awarded we can match all funds with in-kind contributions. Beth Berg and Tim Latimer will be meeting to work on the narrative for the grant and review the documents needed for the application.

Damage from Sunday's high winds were discussed. In addition to numerous branches down, two crabapple trees were lost on south 9th Avenue.

Dave Miller reported on progress with seeking bids from four tree service companies with local offices for maintenance of the plantings on Emerson Avenue. Bartlett Tree Experts was not interested in making a bid. Miller is looking for a contact with Davey Resources. Complete Tree Service will be giving a price quote. The Brickman Group has not yet been contacted.

Miller shared information on the necessary maintenance for the landscaping plants on Emerson Avenue, specifically that after the bloom period the day lilies need to be dead-headed and have seed pods removed and the tall grasses need to be cut down during the winter.

The trees in the right-of-way north of 465 on Emerson need attention. Andrew Royer and his crew worked the area for two days last year, but nothing has been done there this year. Miller stated he would like to see the city get on a three-year trim cycle for all city trees.

Regarding the new city entrance sign on Emerson Avenue, the commission decided not to make any recommendations for landscaping at this time due to concerns with maintaining existing plantings.

The Republican Council Caucus' decision to not recommend our proposed amendment to the Tree Ordinance was discussed. Consensus was we do not understand their position or the reasons given for it. Miller will get in touch with the mayor on the issue.

Miller will give the commission report for the City Council at their October 6th meeting, and Tim Latimer on November 3rd.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 20th, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Greenscape Commission Secretary

