

Greenscape Commission Meeting  
May 17, 2010, 6:00pm  
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

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

The commission discussed the four top designs for a logo submitted by computer technology students at Beech Grove Middle School, and unanimously selected Rachael Lewis' submission for adoption. Dave Miller wondered if the color of the tree in the logo could be changed to a shade of green. Lynn Huff offered to make that change. Huff will also convert the logo file to a .jpeg so it can be easily incorporated into any document and posted on our website. Tim Latimer will seek permission from Miss Lewis to alter the color. Latimer will also make an award certificate and purchase the gift card to be presented at the middle school's Awards Day event. Miller will compose a letter of congratulations for Miss Lewis.

Beth Berg gave an update from the Parks Board. Work on the vehicular bridge in Sarah T. Bolton Park is progressing. The board is also pricing materials for repair of the pedestrian bridge in that park. Renovation of the Hornet Park Community Center has been delayed until late fall to accommodate a wedding party scheduled in October. There is an ongoing discussion of allowing alcohol in the parks by permit for special events.

Brian Clayton reported on the Arbor Day Celebration with the Boy Scouts and thanked everyone for their help. There was a good turnout of scouts, leaders and parents.

Discussion of a Mission Statement was tabled until the next meeting.

Berg reviewed progress on the tree inventory. City legal has approved the contract letter with Davey Resource Group for evaluation of high-risk trees and those found to be in poor condition. Berg will seek to get the contract signed at the Board of Public Works meeting so the work can be scheduled. Commission members will meet at Sarah T. Bolton Park on Saturday at noon to inventory trees in the south quadrant of the park. Target date to complete all areas of the city is May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Miller shared a discussion he had with Mr. Davidson who was concerned about the appearance of the landscape along the power lines north of the Carrington neighborhood. The property in question is owned by the Carrington neighborhood, with a right-of-way for the utility, and so its upkeep is not a responsibility of the city. Davidson could pursue the matter of clean-up with the City's Compliance Director and the Marion County Health Department.

Miller shared the landscape plans for the Main Street project and his review of the proposed plantings. He recommends accepting the Autumn Gold Ginkgo (female only), Imperial Honey Locust, Wildfire Black Tupelo, and Red Oak, with recommendations for size of the planting areas and scheduled maintenance. The Bloodgood London Plane Tree and Norway Maple are unacceptable. He is also recommending that a soil path or root trenches be installed under the street to promote tree health and encourage deep root growth to avoid damage to sidewalks.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Berg, Greenscape Commission Secretary