

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Monday, November 16, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center

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

Dave Miller reported he is pulling together the information required for our recertification as a Tree City. That application is due December 31st. He also requested that beginning in January, each member log any time spent on commission matters. This time is considered in-kind services that would count towards the requirement of spending \$2 per capita each year.

The city received a cash donation from Pi Iota Xi that was used to purchase a Red Oak tree. That tree is planted in Sarah Bolton Park and honors the memory of Jean Petrecca. Michelle Dailey donated 10 seedling trees received with a donation to the Arbor Day Foundation. These are too small to safely plant in the parks and are now in a temporary location (Beth Berg's garden) for at least the winter. Miller mentioned that Tom Hannan once suggested establishing a nursery area for growing trees for the parks. It would be a great way to save money as smaller trees could be purchased and grown to a size appropriate for transplanting to a permanent location.

Miller thanked Lynn Huff for the KIB (Keep Indianapolis Beautiful) tree planting video. It is now posted on our Greenscape webpage as a reference tool for city residents.

Miller has a call in to Lindsey Purcell at Purdue University to follow up on arranging a pruning workshop for city employees.

Tim Latimer and Lynn Huff offered to assist Brian Clayton with completing the inventory of street trees in Zone Five. Berg will follow up with Mike Masterson on whether Crossroad Engineers can provide maps of our city parks. A question was raised as to whether we could use some of our grant monies for the mapping. Berg will also contact Pam Louks (DNR) about using their handheld PDA's for the inventory of park trees in the spring. We will plan to cover the parks one at a time.

Clayton asked if we would be involved in landscape decisions for the Greenway and Main Street projects. Miller reminded everyone that as an advisory board we do not have any control over project decisions, but we should definitely offer our input towards making good choices with an eye towards appropriateness, future growth, and low maintenance.

We will not meet in December, so the next meeting of the commission will be Tuesday, January 19, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center. The change in day is due to the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Greenscape Commission Secretary