

Greenscape Commission Meeting
October 18, 2010, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

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

Commission members present went through the online Tree City recertification application, taking note of what information is still needed to complete it during our November meeting. Dave Miller will be contacting Brad Meriwether to get the details on city expenditures for 2010, and a count of the number of trees planted and removed.

Requirements to qualify for a Growth Award as a Tree City were reviewed. With projects completed and under consideration for this year and next, the city should have the number of points needed to qualify for 2010 and again in 2011.

Making changes in the lists of Recommended Trees for planting to incorporate the recommendations from the Tree Inventory Report was discussed. Miller also suggested emphasizing trees native to Indiana. The commission will also take a look at Recommended Tree Lists from other local communities. Changes will probably be made after the first of the year, as the updated lists would help with points for a Growth Award in 2011.

There was a discussion on changing the name on the city's Arbor Day Foundation membership from Mayor Wright to the Greenscape Commission. This suggestion came from Teri Cincebox. Beth Berg will contact the Arbor Day Foundation about making the change, and also contact Mayor Wright to be sure it was his intent to take this action.

The commission discussed a grant opportunity to receive funding to plant trees on public property within the city. Tim Latimer will contact Pam Louks to obtain a copy of the grant application and guidelines. Notice of the grant came late to the commission. To prevent this situation from occurring again, Berg will speak with Clerk Treasurer Chris Duffer about getting a mailbox for the commission at City Hall.

Several suggestions for partnerships that could benefit the city for tree plantings were discussed. Miller will contact K & S Farms, a local grower in Sheridan, Indiana, as well as the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful organization.

The Parks Board is still planning to have another Clean-Up Day after the parks close for the season. No date has been set at this time.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, November 15, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Berg, Greenscape Commission Secretary