

BEAUTIFICATION/LANDSCAPE/TREE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

4:30 p.m.

Public Works Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall

A. ROLL CALL

Council Member Jill Hardy
Council Member Barbara Delgleize
Council Member Billy O'Connell
Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Denny Bacon, Maintenance Operations Manager
Randy Menzel, Tree Supervisor
Sarah Whitecotton, Administrative Secretary

B. MINUTES

B-1. February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting

C. ACTION ITEMS

None

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

E. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

None

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

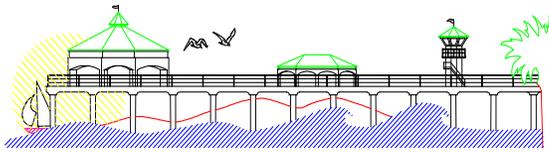
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G. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016.



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MINUTES

February 23, 2016

A. ROLL CALL

Committee Member Jill Hardy
Committee Member Billy O'Connell
Committee Member Barbara Delgleize
Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Denny Bacon, Maintenance Operations Manager
Randy Menzel, Tree Supervisor (absent)
Sarah Whitecotton, Administrative Secretary

B. MINUTES

B-1. The minutes of the December 1, 2015 were motioned by Committee Member Delgleize to be approved. Committee Member O'Connell seconded.

VOTE: The motion carried
AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

C. ACTION ITEMS

C-1. Central Park Trash Container Evaluation

Recommended Action - Provide direction for Central Park trash containers. Discussion ensued. Denny Bacon will walk park with David De La Torre to determine where the location of the trash container will be.

VOTE: The motion carried
AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

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6 speakers were present. Shari Engel stated that she regularly picks up bags of dog waste she finds and puts it in a trash can and that the existing trash receptacles need to be spread out in the park. Juana Mueller asked if the Tree Society should put a committee together to make recommendations on where cans are and are not needed. Several speakers mentioned that there were too many benches in certain areas of the park as well. Jean Nagy suggested a commemorative plaque or paving stones replace the memorial benches for future memorials. Diane Amendola said thank you for cutting back the bushes below the Library along the path to the Park Bench Café. She feels safer knowing she can be seen. Shirley Knopf gave reminder for Arbor Day tree planting at Helme Park on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. where they will be planting Jacaranda trees. Steve Engel said Central Park is looking great and he saw a group of Boy Scouts enjoying the park as well. Steve will be meeting Dave Dominguez on Thursday, February 25, 2016 to review placement for the Central Park sign. Jean Nagy asked how many trees were removed due to the bark beetle and how many blew down in the recent storm. She also requested permission to plant 5-6 flowering trees in 6 parks to beautify them, as well as by Kathy May's in Central Park, probably Redbud, our City tree. Steve Engle said he advises residents to use Pipeline to report issues in the Parks and right-of-way. Juana Mueller reminded all of the Cherry Blossom Festival and inquired if the 3 new trees would be planted prior to the Festival on March 20, 2016. Steve Engle said the ceremony will take place outside the Secret Garden and Jean Nagy asked if an embankment or berm could be installed so that the trees retain water better. She also asked that the trees not be planted so closely together. Shari Engel advised that the lights at Central Park by the amphitheater are out.

G. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

Committee Member Jill Hardy recommended having a trash can within eyesight at Central Park, even if it is a ways away, and that if visitors have to search for a trash receptacle, they are more likely to litter. Travis Hopkins and Denny Bacon advised that the memorial benches actually cost upwards of \$3,000 and that we get more requests for them than we can handle. Committee Member Barbara Delgleize suggested that if we do keep the bench program, we charge the actual amount it costs us to purchase and install the bench. Denny Bacon advised we lost 68 trees in Central Park due to the bark beetle and an additional 28 were taken out by the recent storm. Committee Member Jill Hardy recommended advertisement of the "Go Request" app. Denny Bacon

advised that the Cherry trees will be planted 10 days prior to the Festival and they will have the spacing looked into.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2016.

Committee Member Jill Hardy

Sarah Whitecotton
Administrative Secretary