



## March City Tree Board Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the City Tree Board Meeting Committee was held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM, in Community Room, City/County Complex and by Zoom. This meeting will be facilitated by Laurel Desnick.

### 1. Roll Call

Present: Laurel Desnick, Elizabeth McNamee, Maureen Lightheiser, Thomas Shands, Heidi Johnson, Sarah Boyle, Maira Emperley. Melissa Nootz (non-voting) and Dan Baker (non-voting) excused.

### 2. Approval of Minutes (00:02:35)

- A. Approve minutes from February 16, 2023, meeting.  
Motion by Maira, second by Sarah, Unanimous approval.

### 4. Old Business (00:03:07)

- A. **Arbor Day Celebration 2023:** Committee discussed what to do with the \$850 for Arbor Day Celebration, it coincides with Native Plant Month, need to nominate a site for 2023. Heidi has had conversations with Mitch regarding a future master landscaping project around the library, using only native plants. Thomas noted that there are several dead trees at the Depot. Maira will reach out to the schools, Laurel will speak with Jodi or Mandy at Blake Nursery, Sarah will contact Heather Muldoon, Laurel will contact Mark at the Museum. Needs to be a weekday, so school kids can participate. Sarah motioned for an event on April 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Museum with kids, seconded by Elizabeth, unanimous approval.

### 3. New Business (00:33:34)

A. **Review and discussion of the by-laws:** Current bylaws were approved in 2022, there are a lot of changes happening at the City. What is the best way for a tree board to engage in the community, in the advisory role? What is the goal for this group? The board will pause for the next two months, to discuss the next steps and planning. Grant asked what do the members like about serving on the board, the intention is to make participation in the Tree Board a meaningful and worthwhile experience. Laurel shared information from Tree Board Retreat, adding we need to clarify what is our role, are we a working board, and advisory board, or a decision making board? Heidi would like to see more educational outreach with the public. Thomas would like to see informational brochure provided to those who purchase trees from Woods Rose, Murdoch's and Ace Hardware, for proper care and feeding of species. With a limited budget. Laurel expressed desire for a master management plan. Maira suggested exploring other tree boards, and how they

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support their community. Sarah motioned for a Special Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, for Arbor Day Planning, seconded by Laurel, 12-1.

### **5. Public Comments: None**

### **6. Board Comments:**

Laurel will reach out to Mark

Sarah will reach out to Heather.

### **7. Adjournment 1:00 p.m.**