



TREE BOARD

DATE AND TIME: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018 @ 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: WELLINGTON CITY HALL, 12300 W. FOREST HILL BLVD.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Stormi Bivin, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

III. ATTENDANCE

A. SIGN IN SHEET

Members present: Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, Richard Cosola, Charles Sandell, and Joan Kaplan. Debbie Evans arrived at 2:20 p.m.

Members absent: Scott Wortman

Staff present: Brian Hopper, Operations Supervisor, Landscape Division; Michelle Diaz, Assistant Recording Secretary; Chris Macfarlane, Public Works

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MARCH 7, 2018 TREE BOARD MINUTES

Stormi Bivin suggested a change be made to an item under Section VIII. COMMENTS, in the first sentence. She proposed that the wording of "to meeting" be changed to "to meet".

A motion was made by Kay Brown, seconded by Charles Sandell, approving the March 7, 2017 Tree Board Minutes, as amended. The motion was unanimously passed 5-0, with Stormi Bivin, Charles Sandell, Richard Cosola, Joan Kaplan, and Kay Brown in favor; with Debbie Evans and Scott Wortman absent.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. PROPOSED LANDSCAPE MANUAL

Stormi Bivin informed the Tree Board that the Landscape Manual Workshop item has been postponed, and therefore, no discussion would take place on it at this time. As soon as a date is set, the Tree Board will be notified by staff.

Brian Hopper stated that David Flinchum spoke to him, saying that if there were any suggestions from Tree Board members for the proposed landscape manual, they are to contact staff via email.

VI. STAFF UPDATES

Brian Hopper updated the Tree Board on recent plantings and status updates. He stated that they have planted 195 trees since the last quarter.

Joan Kaplan asked if the new trees being planted were being irrigated. Brian Hopper stated newly planted trees are irrigated.

Stormi Bivin asked if some of the trees being planted are replacements because of Hurricane Irma. Brian Hopper stated a large percentage of trees planted are replacements.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. F.L.O.W.E.R. AWARD NOMINATIONS

The three (3) new F.L.O.W.E.R. Award applications were reviewed, discussed and voted on by Tree Board Members that were present.

The 1981 & 1985 Canterbury Circle nomination was passed 3-1, with Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, and Charles Sandell voting in favor; Joan Kaplan opposed; Richard Cosola recused himself; with Debbie Evans and Scott Wortman absent.

The 1225 Belmore Terrace nomination was unanimously passed 5-0, with Stormi Bivin, Kay Brown, Charles Sandell, Joan Kaplan, and Richard Cosola voting in favor; with Debbie Evans and Scott Wortman absent.

The 1594/1606 The 12th Fairway nomination was not passed 2-3, with Kay Brown and Charles Sandell in favor; Stormi Bivin, Joan Kaplan, and Richard Cosola opposed; with Debbie Evans and Scott Wortman absent.

VIII. COMMENTS

Richard Cosola spoke in front of Council about the Beautification Grant. They were positive and he thinks it went very well. Jim Barnes is to follow up on the possibility of the program.

Brian Hopper asked if there were any decisions on a book for Councilwoman Siskind to read at the Earth/Arbor Day Event 2018. Debbie Evans suggested *Our Tree Named Steve* and the Tree Board agreed to choose this book. Debbie Evans to reach out to Michelle Garvey to let her know.

Discussion on materials to be given out at the Tree Board tent at the Earth/Arbor Day Event 2018, including the Commemorative Tree Program form.

Copies of the annual work plan (final) were handed out for reference.

Discussion on hat-racking of trees. Stormi Bivin noticed some Ficus trees had been hat-racked in front of Olympia. Brian Hopper stated that according to the code, Ficus trees are exempt from rules of hat-racking. Debbie Evans stated she sent her suggestions to David Flinchum, that non-native trees shouldn't be exempt from hat-racking in the Landscape Manual. Richard Cosola mentioned that landscapers could possibly take continuing education courses on the subject. Brian Hopper stated it would be up to the HOA's to follow up on this. Debbie Evans suggested educating the HOA's on this topic.

IX. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Richard Cosola, and seconded by Charles Sandell to adjourn at 2:54 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed 6-0, with Stormi Bivin, Debbie Evans, Charles Sandell, Richard Cosola, Joan Kaplan, and Kay Brown in favor; with Scott Wortman absent.

Approved and Adopted: _____
Signature

Date

Michelle Diaz, Assistant Recording Secretary