

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2015

October meeting notes were reviewed and approved

- Action items and status were reviewed. Some notes from the actions were:

- The 13th East tree placements were not followed completely due to constraints on irrigation. But, we at least did get the correct trees planted on the correct sides of the street.
- Interns won't be available or required until next spring
- Dave Cloward had a meeting with Keith Morey and Bill Rappleye Friday October 30th to discuss the role of commission as a recommending body and that the codes related to tree requirements were only enforceable as a percentage of trees planted - not anything else.
- Margaret did follow up on a plan for Trees Draper and was prepared to discuss
- Dave didn't get a subcommittee going on the Tree street guide and that was a new action item to carry forward.

Tree commission scope and codes:

In follow up to the meeting with Bill Rappleye and Keith Morey, we had a discussion about Tree commission being only a recommending body and that the current building codes do not require compliance to the Tree guide or our tree recommendations. We discussed four options:

1. Option A – we work with city council to change codes to require compliance
2. Option B – we take a more aggressive stance on education and involvement to influence without changing the codes
3. Option C - we disband the commission

The first three options will probably require an aggressive campaign with citizen input and involvement through a different non-government entity.

Everyone agreed that the real goal is tree lined streets with lifetime trees that add real value and beauty. The commission is not going to focus on commercial plantings beyond the streets or residential plantings on private property.

- Other cities have adopted option A. SLC does require compliance on commercial tree plantings. The commission has looked at codes from Springville and SLC. Other cities have regulated tree plantings in park strips
- Have we thought about nursery education?
- We had further discussion with Keith Morey on the current process. Previously Jerrylynn was on the tree commission and also a city employee in planning and she did enforce compliance to the tree guidelines.
- We agreed that we should look at the codes again and other cities' codes and take a common sense approach to give some teeth to the planning department without putting the city in any situations they don't want to enforce and avoid any legal issues.

13th East water

- All commercial is going to be pressurized irrigation (where available) and that will make a big difference in which trees should be recommended going forward.
- The trees recently planted are not getting any water since irrigation is turned off and the city doesn't have any resources to go water or ask the residents to water them. We will probably lose a big portion of them if we don't water them soon. Janet will speak with the landscaper to see if they will water them to avoid warranty replacements.

How do we speed up tree commission progress?

- We asked if we should we have more meetings or sub-committee meetings to make more progress?

We agreed to make the following Sub-committees rather than meet more often as a commission:

- Street Tree Guide - Janet and Laura volunteered and others no already on other sub committees can volunteer
- Trees Draper 501c creation - Margaret is already leading this effort. Need other volunteers.
- Draper city code review - ordinance - Brian and Dave volunteered and others no already on other sub committees can volunteer

Trees Draper 501c Organization

Margaret covered plan to create Trees Draper - she recommended that we do the work outside of the Tree commission meetings.