

DRAPER TREE COMMISSION MEETING

Draper City Hall

Finance Department Conference Room

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

11:00 A.M. – 12:10 P.M.

Present: Chair Betty Roth, Evan Ogden, Vice-Chair Jane Jeffries, Councilwoman Stephanie Davis, Craig Bonham, Clayton Trapp, and Margaret Bird.

Excused: Jerrilyn Billings, Lowell Baum, Gary Lambert, Steve Linde

Welcome: Chair Betty Roth welcomed the Draper Tree Commission and called the meeting to order.

Report on Grant at Draper Park, Pheasant Meadows and the North End of Highland

Drive: Evan Ogden reported that 51 trees would be planted at Draper Park, on the Highland Drive park strip and on the Pheasant Meadows. Fifty percent of the funding came from a federal grant he applied for with Draper providing the rest in donated services and funding. The Pheasant Meadows trees were planted in the fall. They are looking for scouts to help with the remaining 32 trees on Highland Drive and in Draper Park. The trees are in 25 gallon containers and are 1.75 to 2.25 inch caliper. This size was selected because they are easier to plant and have a higher survival rate. Jane Jeffries explained the biology of why that is the case, and Clayton Trapp explained that the 1.75 to 2 inch caliper trees were a better purchase financially too. The trees to be planted will be London Plane, Hackberry, LaVal Hawthorn, Oak, Ginko, Zelkova, Pine and Austrian Pine.

Report on September 11th Tree Day (Sep. 11, 2009): Mayor Smith has requested that the Tree Commission annually plant a September 11th tree. The Tree Commission discussed planting a shade tree in Rotary Park.

Tree Utah: Evan has been invited to the Tree Utah meetings and reported that they wanted to work with Draper. Clayton worked with them five years ago. Margaret Bird will explore the possibility of forming a Tree Draper. Stephanie Davis indicated that the Draper Foundation gets money from Draper City. Glen Sisam is in charge of the Draper Foundation.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day will be held April 25th at the Fitzgerald Home. Evan reported that there should be water to the Fitzgerald Home within 2 weeks that could be used to water the trees until the sprinkling system could be installed. Steve Linde will send out an electronic copy of the landscaping planned for the Fitzgerald Home. Clayton volunteered the services of a young men's group. Margaret suggested asking Draper Elementary to sing which would also draw a crowd and increase citizen awareness. Betty volunteered that we could bring doughnuts. Betty will invite Bill Rappley to the next meeting to coordinate with the Draper Chamber of Commerce. A discussion of how to pay for the trees ensued.

Tree Budget: The question was raised of whether there was funding in the Draper budget for trees given the tight budget. Councilwoman Stephanie Davis will speak to the council and will let Steve Linde know if there is funding for the Arbor Day trees and if they can be planted at the Fitzgerald Home.

Pioneer Road: Evan reported that they will be removing the phitzers from the roundabout on Pioneer Road and will be replacing them with day lilies.

New Construction: Chair Betty Roth reported:

- High Point Center at Bangerter and Highland on the northwest corner has Hedge Maple, Hackberry, Redbud, Spring Snow Crab. She thinks it is well done.
- The Tech Center at 14203 Minute Man Drive has Cherries, London Plane tree, Crabs and one Lombardy Poplar in the wrong location. The trees are 1.5 inch caliper.
- Construction is way down so there are very few plans coming to her for review.
- Cowabunga Park is up and going and the tree plans have been approved.

Concerns on 1300 East by Draper Parkway: Councilman Alan Summerhays has concerns with the missing trees on 1300 East above Draper Parkway. Radon Brothers is trying to determine who owns the water and assuring water is provided for the trees before planting replacement trees.

Adjourned 12:10.