

Draper Tree Commission

Notes: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 11:00 a.m.

Draper City Hall - Finance Conference Room

- Welcome: Margaret Bird, substituting for Betty Roth
Present: Laura Bakker, JeriLynn Billings, Margaret Bird, Gary Lambert, Jane Jefferies, Bryan Portman
Approval: Minutes from May 5th. Motion to approve: JerriLynn Billings; Motion to second: Bryan Portman
Meetings: Always the 1st Tuesday of each month except for June, July, August

Margaret introduced the idea of incorporating so the DTC can become a fund-raising and fund-donating unit. Suggested time-frame:

May: Discuss issues

June: Have By-Laws revised & ready to formalize

August: Work with Trees Utah on Articles of Incorporation

Introductions:

Laura Bakker: New Draper Tree Commission member, master gardener, interested in helping people learn to properly prune trees & would like to offer free pruning clinics.

JeriLynn Billings: Co-compliance officer for the City of Draper; handles special events and landscape & street tree inspections.

Bryan Portman: New tree commission member from Maryland where he grew up on a 300-acre farm, did work for Brickman, now is a landscape maintenance and installation provider.

Item #5 Tree Draper Report: We have had many years where little or no money has been available for trees and times when we were not permitted to apply for grants, so would we like to incorporate as a "Tree Utah" type organization 501 C3 with tax exempt status wher we could operate as a non-profit organization to gather money from businesses as TREE UTAH for DRAPER? This would allow for collecting tax-free donations for stabilizing funding for trees in Draper.

Request for a yes or no vote on Item #5 led to discussion. Gary Lambert is concerned for the lack of trees on 300 E, but he put this on hold to discuss #5.

Margaret Bird volunteered to do the incorporation set-up.

Comments: DTC has no power and acts in an advisory capacity only to promote the more artistic use of trees. JeriLynn suggested we speak with Russell Fox, who replaced Grant as community director, regarding changes and voice for DTC with higher-ups. Margaret mentioned that it might be wise to consult with the city manager first and the mayor next.

Motion to request that Margaret Bird start the process of incorporating a Tree Utah/Draper-Like organization (name not determined): Bryan Portman; seconded by: Jane Jefferies

Staffing: The Draper Tree Commission is no longer fully staffed with the resignations of Bill Model, Lowell Baum, Chris Roth, and the inexplicable loss of Evan Ogden. We do not, as yet, have a City Council member assigned. JeriLynn will ask for Bill Rappleye.

Question: Did Betty Roth get landscape plans for the Beehive house on 7th East before the Planning commission gave their approval?

New Construction: Discussion Tabled until Betty Roth is present; there has not been much new construction.

Arbor Day will be the last Friday in April, April 23, 2010.

Invited entertainment possibilities: Bucket Band of Oak Hollow, Draper Elementary, Charter Schools.

Tree planting demonstration: Laura Bakker volunteered to do this

Article for Draper Journal - Deadline impending

Gary: Diagrammed the LONE ROCK project and suggested a petition to request trees where they are absent from this Ivory Home development. Suggestion that Gary get a form and talk to Russell Fox

Motion to Adjourn at 12:10 and everyone jumped up and ran out without a second.

Next meeting will be March 2, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.