

DRAPER TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

Draper City

Administrative Conference Room

Tuesday, December 3, 2012

11:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Present: Chairman Brian Portman, Commission members: Engracia Dougherty, Betty Roth, Laura Bakker, Judy Cantrell, Draper City Council Member Bill Rappleye, Staff Blaine Nelson

Welcome: Chairman Brian Portman welcomed everyone.

Street Tree Guide: Betty Roth got copy of the Street Guide we talked about last time. Brian talked to Maridene Hancock. She said that she did not mind making changes. Just send her the changes as we have them. She does not have the original digital copy. We need to find out where that is. She can make simple text changes such as members names. We need to find the original or else maybe get a new retyped copy. Blaine Nelson volunteered to try and track down the original. Betty suggested he look upstairs on the wall across from the counter. That is where she found it.

Betty made suggestions for changes in the Street Guide. We need to get new sponsors that are listed on the front and back pages, She also stated that we need to update the Commission members, add the mission statement and the Tree Commission logo. It was also suggested we might want to add a section on firewise trees. Bill Rappleye stated Home Depot was interested in this and might want to be a sponsor.

It was stated that the description of trees was very brief and maybe we should expand that. Laura Bakker stated that it was easy to look trees up on the internet where a good description along with a picture could be found.

It was suggested to use simple line drawings representing the shape of the tree with a short two line description.

Brian suggested we might want to have a separate meeting with a sub-committee to work out the details. We need to work at it a step at a time. We can things and end up with a great guide.

Brian passed out copies of the City Code to be read and looked at for any changes that we think should be made. WE need to read and understand the code if we are going to be able to change things. Bill Rappleye suggested that the code is probably good in general. We just need to attack the problems. Brian suggested that we respect Bill's knowledge and go on the glaring things

first. He suggested we might want to look at the code on Xeroscape as water is going to be a big problem in Draper in the next five years. Also it was suggested that we should work with Russ Fox as the codes fall under him.

New Construction: Laura Bakker had plans for a couple of new construction. No problems.

TRAX: Looks good.

Upcoming meeting: Next meeting will be held Jan. 8, 2013 due to the holidays.

Other Business: It was suggested that we hold our meetings in the Administrative Conference room. There is more room and video capabilities. Brian will reserve for the next year.

Police Chief Roberts to be invited to next meeting to answer question regarding damage to trees and landscaping. Think of question to ask him.

Earth Day and Arbor Day are coming up. Mayor Smith has been so good to support us that we would like to try to do something different to get more public support. Look on the internet to see what other cities are doing. Start thinking about some ideas.

Adjourn: Brian moved that meeting be adjourned, seconded by Engracia Dougherty.