

Draper Tree commission - Tuesday Aug 15, 2017 Meeting notes

Attendees

Gregg, software and consulting
Matt Evans, attorney and software exec
Marianne, planning commission
Judy Cantrell, Master gardner
Rhett Ogden, Parks and Rec
Wayland McGary, Parks and Rec
Laura Bakker, Master gardner
Annie Hansen, Parks Mgr in South Jordan, Master Gardner
David Dobbins
Betty Roth

David Dobbins - role of tree commission

He works for city council and makes sure city ordinances in line and keep from getting sued

Priorities:

1. New Development - Need to develop objective standards for landscaping
 - * State law requires that we have objective standards
 - * i.e. x numbers of trees, what kind, etc.
 - * Every project will be reviewed by Marianne and Wayland
 - * We will create a Tree guide that the code will refer to for compliance
 - * The guide will take into account soils, water sources, appropriateness of trees, availability, diseases and avoidance of monoculture
2. City Projects - examples are road project and parks
 - * City council and Mayor will decide by project what will be required and whether we let citizens decide on type of trees or whether or not they have to plant a tree.
3. Beautification projects
 - * Tree commission would request city council to put aside funds - for example Historic Preservation committee gets \$10K funds
 - * City council sets the budget and it is changed every 2-3 months
 - * Outside fundraising is possible through 501c
 - * City would manage the projects and contracts and bidding

Question was asked do we do education for residents and write articles etc. The answer is yes, definitely we plan to do so.

David Dobbins addressed the issue of trees on private property and explained that often the city is approached for enforcement of taking care of trees on private property. Draper city council has historically not wanted to dictate enforcement of private property. The city has to decide if they start maintaining it and typically they don't do that. There isn't a simple solution.

Question was asked who really owns the park strip. David Dobbins typically says it should be an HOA. The city is paying \$17K per month to maintain park strips. David explained the issues of funding

and competition for resources. Parks and Rec has requested for a city arborist for the last four years.

Priorities going forward - examples

1. Getting the code set
2. City projects

Actions:

1. Dave to give his notes to Wayland
2. Confirm the meeting time
3. Everyone review the city code
4. Get a map of city owned park strips and right of ways