

## Hurricane City Tree Board minutes 2/9/15

The Hurricane City Tree Board met on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall East Conference Room located at 147 N 870 West, Hurricane, UT

**Welcome/Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Devin Ruesch at 4:30 p.m. Rebecca Bronemann offered a prayer.

**Members Present:** Devin Ruesch and Rebecca Bronemann

**Members Excused:** Butch Farnsworth and Wayne Shamo

**Staff Present:** City Council Representative Darin Thomas and City Planning Assistant Cindy Hyatt

**Approval of minutes:** Rebecca Bronemann motioned to approve December 1, 2014 minutes. Darin Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

**Review of Tree Board mission:** Rebecca Bronemann read the Tree Board Mission.

**Report on Hurricane City's own Tree Book:** Wayne Shamo not present to report.

**City Council update:** Darin Thomas mentioned Darren Barney advised the Council of an Ash Tree Bor that could be coming to the area. He explained the bor affects ash trees and they discussed removing them; however, removing them from private residences could be an issue. Mr. Thomas mentioned March 7<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday and that is the Saturday before Spring Break so a lot of people might be out of town and the attendance might not be as high for the workshop. Devin Ruesch stated he tentatively set the date with Rick Heflebower but he could possible change it. He stated he would like to do sooner if possible. Rebecca Bronemann asked if something could be done to prevent the Ash bor. Mr. Thomas stated he is unsure of the details. He commented Darren Barney has more information regarding this issue. The date for the workshop was discussed further. It was decided to leave it on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ruesch stated he would like to advertise for it on the monthly utility bill. Members discussed having the workshop on a weekday opposed to the weekend. Members suggested the following topics for the workshop; where to plant trees, how to plant them, pruning, watering, and what type of trees for this area.

**Arbor Day:** Mr. Ruesch stated he thought of calling the High school as first choice and if they can't host it then ask the Middle School. Cindy Hyatt mentioned it was discussed having it at the Middle School last year. Mr. Ruesch stated he did talk to Dustin Daly at the Middle School last year so he will ask them first. Darin Thomas stated Jan Goodwin is the principal at the Middle School. Mr. Ruesch stated Butch Farnsworth offered to help with Arbor Day.

**Annual Workshop Planning:** Rebecca and Darin stated they can both help beforehand with the workshop. Devin Ruesch stated Chad Slauch and Rick Heflebower will talk and he will ask Darren Barney and Kyle Lounsbury to talk as well. Members discussed topics for the workshop. Door prizes were discussed. Cindy Hyatt suggested having the City ordinances available for people or discussing them so people are aware of them. Mr. Ruesch stated he likes to see trees planted that benefit community. He likes the trees along State Street, he feels they protect pedestrians. Darin Thomas mentioned there have been tree problems at Travel Lodge because of sight problems.

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**Commercial tree policy.** Devin Ruesch explained private and public trees have already been discussed and now he would like to discuss commercial trees. He stated some of the suggestions for commercial subdivisions are; make a list of large trees available, motivate developers to plant them, and require trees in subdivision, Darin Thomas mentioned a problem in the Dunes with people not wanting large trees because they block their views. He stated it really depends on the area and the people that are there. Mr. Ruesch stated he would like to make sure the Commercial policy is best for future generations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.