

Hurricane City Tree Board minutes 1/28/16

The Hurricane City Tree Board met on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall East Conference Room located at 147 N 870 West, Hurricane, UT 84737

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

**Members Present:** Devin Ruesch, Butch Farnsworth, and Rebecca Bronemann

**Members Excused:** Wayne Shamo

**Staff Present:** City Council Representative Cheryl Reeve, Planning Assistant Cindy Beteag, and Utah State Urban Forester Daniel Allen

**Approval of minutes:** Board members approved the October 28, 2015 minutes.

**Review of Tree Board Mission:** Devin Ruesch read the Tree Board mission.

**Cindy Beteag: Using the Hurricane City website, Tree Board link.** Cindy Beteag showed the board members how to navigate to the Tree Board page on the Hurricane City website. She explained there are links on the page for the Hurricane City Tree Book, Edible Shade Tree guide and an Interactive web link for tree placement.

**Wayne Shamo: Hurricane City Tree Book.** Mr. Shamo was not present to give update. Devin Ruesch stated Mr. Shamo is working on updating the pictures in the Tree Book to pictures of Hurricane.

**Butch Farnsworth: Tree Board workshop.** Butch Farnsworth stated this is the busy season for accounting so he hasn't had a lot of time to work on the workshop. Devin Ruesch stated he still has plans to have the workshop. Daniel Allen stated best day for him is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ruesch stated it will be 10 a.m. to 12 noon. He explained he decided to not have the workshop in January because it was not advertised but he has talked to the utility department and it will be included in the power bill for February. Cindy Beteag stated she will reserve the Community Center. Mr. Ruesch stated they have had good support from local businesses donating items for door prizes. He stated the workshop will talk about public trees and City owed trees. He mentioned he would like to ask Larry Hutchings, Street Superintendent, to come talk about tree placement. He asked Daniel Allen to talk at workshop. Daniel Allen asked what the topic of the workshop would be because he didn't think one had been agreed on by everyone. Butch Farnsworth stated he thought it was on private trees not public trees. Board members decided it should be on private trees. Mr. Allen stated he could talk about the basics of tree care and then talk about tree selection. Ms. Beteag stated the February bills have already been processed. Mr. Ruesch stated he thought he had until the end of the month to get it submitted. Mr. Farnsworth went and talked to the utility department and it was too late to include in February's bill. It was decided to change the workshop to March 12<sup>th</sup> at the same time and place.

**Rebecca Bronneman: Arbor Day April 22, 2016.** Devin Ruesch stated April 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Arbor Day. Rebecca Bronneman said between elections and taking foster classes she doesn't have time to help with the Tree Board. She resigned from the board. Mr. Ruesch thanked her for all her help.

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**Cheryl Reeve: City Council update.** No new updates. Devin Ruesch stated he went to the first City Council meeting but he wasn't as prepared as he wanted. He stated he wrote a memo to the City Council from the Tree Board that he would like to send. He read the memo.

**Daniel Allen: Update on helps for Tree Board.** Daniel Allen stated he put together a collection of High Quality Tree Resources, including a list of books, websites and apps. He stated it is a good resource that could help anyone. He handed out a paper copy to everyone and stated he will email it to anyone that would like it.

**Decisions and assignments Review:** Devin Ruesch stated the board will try to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. Cheryl Reeve asked if the City had planted any trees the Tree Board requested. Mr. Ruesch stated the Parks Department decide what is planted and they won't plant edible trees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.