

**CCV Arbor Committee
Minutes 4/30/09
At 4020 Everett Street**

The meeting convened at 8:00pm. Rachel Ritvo, Chair, Jule Crider and Marty White were present.

Absent: Marcia Keppel, Celeste Park, Jack White and Steve Fox.

Spring planting: Rachel reported that Lulu Gonella and Jana Coe had reviewed proposed planting list from Phil Normandy, CCV consulting arborist. List was available to the committee to review. Lulu and Jana were personally contacting all the homeowners. It appeared that probably 11 sites were “yes”. Rachel did not know whether any of the secondary sites had been selected. The committee noted that there were many different reasons why some sites were rejected. Some were rejected as having difficulties with the site itself. Others were rejected because there had not previously been a town tree there and the current owner desired that no tree be planted. The committee suggests that particularly in the latter case, where there is a “good” site for growing a tree, care should be taken that the town exercise its right to plant a tree in that spot at such time as the property may change owners. Action Item: The committee should assist in maintaining a list of sites where recommended plantings have been deferred.

Master Plan: The discussion turned to the current status of the Master Plan. The council has posted the plan in its shorter form and the draft of the design concepts block by block on the web. This was done in the fall. There has been no detailed discussion of the design concepts. Rachel raised the concern that the plan/concept for the 4200 block of Everett Street no longer calls for a colonnade of maples although this has historically been the planting design. Marty lives on this block and expressed concern about the change. She and her husband have desired to have the maples that had been taken down from her ROW replaced with maples but instead dogwoods (Kousa?) had been planted. They were to have been moved last year but the place recommended for receiving them was on Saul Road and there was some hesitance about planting in the county’s right of way. The committee looked over the draft and decided that to further understand it and familiarize ourselves we should walk the town with the draft in hand. Action Item: Committee members will meet at the corner of Everett and Summit on Wed. May 27th at 7:30 pm and walk through the neighbor with the draft plan.

Further work remaining on the master plan includes a “task list” that will layout all the maintenance and planting issues for each year and allow assignment and timing. Jule has made a first draft and shared it with Lulu, Jana and the council at their work session in August. The task list would further clarify the roles of our tree professionals although it does seem that the complimentary roles of Tom Laws and Phil Normandy are evolving in clarity and the use of Stadlers Nursery for providing and planting trees is working well.

Database: Jule and Rachel reported that at the meeting with CPJ held at Lulu’s house it was decided that the View should not use Phil’s time to reconstruct planting history from the years before the database was established. Phil will provide the committee with his records, Jule also

has records from the year of the 100+ planting. Jule with Rachel's help if needed will reconstruct as much as possible and give it to Jana to pass on to CPJ for entry into the database.

Community Outreach: The committee thanked Marty for her education efforts at the CCV picnic last fall. It was suggested that with the council tree planting program in Lulu and Jana's capable hands it seems appropriate for the committee to turn its focus more toward outreach and education. What would be the best vehicles for reaching the public? Sometimes postings on the town list serve can work. Marty suggested that it might be good to mail a monthly "info" insert with the town meeting minutes each month. Action item: Rachel will bring to the council the idea of including an informational message each month with the town minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting will be the community walk. May 27 at 7:30pm at the corner of Summit and Everett Streets.