

CCV Tree Committee
Minutes
Meeting 6/12/08
At 4020 Everett Street

The meeting convened at 8:05 pm. Rachel Ritvo, Chair, Marcia Keppel, Jule Crider, and Marty White and Jack White were present.
Absent: Celeste Park

The minutes of 5/1/08 meeting were reviewed and accepted without changes.

Census at 4230 Everett Street Rachel and Marcia reported that they walked the property with Phil Normandy. Phil was optimistic that several beech trees were within the Cedar Lane ROW and so might be saved from destruction if the new lot is built. However Rachel checked with Martie Mitchell and reported that the ROW goes at an angle and it is unlikely the trees are in it. Phil did forward a copy of his census. An important issue is the size of the area that must be protected from root compaction if trees are to survive on a building site. The protected area must extend out to the drip line of the tree or further. Damage will not appear for a season or two after the root compaction occurs. Rachel will consult with Peter Roman as to what if anything should be done next with this census.

Committee Name: Marcia Keppel asked if it would be possible to call the committee the "Arbor Committee" as opposed to the current usage "Tree Committee". Rachel reported that many on council still refer to the committee as the Arbor Committee and that they are unlikely to object to re-adopting that as the formal title. Rachel had initiated the use of "Tree Committee" to distinguish the committee as newly constituted but felt that was a fine point and not one to get stuck on. The committee unanimously supported the change back to Arbor Committee. Rachel will bring this to Council.

CCV Picnic: The date for the picnic has not yet been set. Marty White agrees to spear head our picnic presentation. Rachel and Jule Crider reported that the town archives on the tree planting have been mislaid but we still have Jule's notes from her review when she chaired the old arbor committee. The committee felt it would be good to review the historical plan that has existed for the trees. A presentation of the tree varieties currently being grown in the ROW and an educational handout on the care of trees in the ROW should form the core of the picnic presentation. It is not clear that the database will be ready to demonstrate. The committee would like Peter or the Council to approve having Phil Normandy attend the picnic, meet residents and answer questions. Rachel will raise these plans with Peter and the Council.

Public Education regarding the ROW: Rachel had mentioned Marcia Keppel's extension of the comments in the handbook under tree policy to define the ROW more clearly. Rachel had shared this with Council but not gotten a response. She

will bring it back to council to clarify whether it should go in the handbook. Whether it goes in the handbook or not the committee would use this information as part of our public education efforts. Marcia Keppel was thanked for providing this update.

Review of Spring Planting: Notices went out well ahead of time. Homeowner concerns have been addressed. Rachel raised the question of pressing council for permission to plant the tree at 2004 Glenrose where one was removed despite homeowner's request to have the space left vacant. The committee it was important in the future to let homeowners know when a tree is taken down that it will be replaced. The committee did not think it was worth pressing on the homeowners at 4004 Glenrose at this time. It was decided to focus on identifying all the vacancies in the town and filling where homeowners are eager for trees before pushing the trees that are now on the Pending List.

The time-line for spring planting was reviewed. Action item: Rachel should write-up the planting time-line and review it with Jana and Peter. A fall planting time-line should also be written up.

Pruning, watering and other maintenance: Marcia raised the question of whether the new trees should have bags. Rachel reported that Phil had said that Myers and Law will water. It is not clear if that is routine or only for serious drought. Marcia offered to check with Peter Roman.

Database: Rachel informed the committee that Jana Coe is to arrange a meeting with CPJ to discuss the design of the database. Only CPJ will be able to make changes in the database which they do for the town periodically. Alan Beal will have access to the database on the town computer. It is not clear when reports must be requested for committee use.

Master Plan: Rachel and Jule presented the draft of a Master Plan. The block by block assessment by Phil is not yet available. The plan was read aloud and edits made. Rachel will bring the draft to the next council meeting to get feedback from council. It is anticipated that more than one draft may be needed.

The next meeting was set for July 10th at 8 pm. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.