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# EDMONDS CITIZENS' TREE BOARD

## Meeting Notes

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February 4, 2016

The Edmonds Citizens' Tree Board Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Steve Hatzenbeler in the council chambers' Jury Room, 250 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Edmonds, WA.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Hatzenbeler, Chair  
Barbara Chase  
Barbara Durr  
Albert (Jed) Marshall  
Crane Stavig

### STAFF PRESENT

Rich Lindsay, Parks Manager

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Renee Travis (Alternate)

### ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Diane Buckshnis –new City Council liaison

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hatzenbeler called the meeting to order at 6:00.

2. **ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Barb Durr moved and Jed Marshall seconded that we approve the agenda. All approved

4. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Vivian Olson was present. She has applied for the Tree Board and wants a balanced approach about trees.

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES**

They were approved with no revisions

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

The group approved 2016 events calendar

October 15 will be our major Arbor Day/Tree City USA event. We will plant trees in the area between Main St. and the Shell Creek area along the Access Road. Jed Marshall will chair the event. Rich Lindsay said we would need 20-25 people to plant. We want a festive event. It should also be educational. Could include participation from Floretum Garden Club and Edmonds in Bloom.

Cass Turnbull will be a featured speaker in March / April. We hope to have "Right Tree, Right Place" as the topic/theme. Barb Durr and Crane Stavig will chair. Will have refreshments, handouts.

Replacing the diseased trees in front of city hall is the third event. Steve Hatzenbeler will chair. He will work with Rich Lindsay. Bowhall Maple trees will replace the diseased cherry trees.

We will have an information table at the Edmonds Summer Market. Barb Chase will contact museum board member.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Barbara Durr has been in contact with Friends of Trees and a staff person from Edmonds School District about a possible school project. A science project at the high school is one idea. She also suggested working with a school area such as Edmonds Elementary for a project.
- b. Budget for Tree Board: \$6,000 for staff/contractor support. Hiring a consultant for Tree City USA who will attend three meetings: September, October, and November. \$3,000 for events, promotions, education, etc.  
Tree Board members would like a copy of the 2015 Tree City USA application.
- c. Possible Partnership with Edmonds Climate Protection Committee  
Jed Marshall and Barbara Durr will attend the March meeting to find out how to partner with the Climate Protection Committee.
- d. The Tree Board will present at City Council in March. The board will work on ways to publicize their events and plans for the year.
- e. The City has \$65,000 in 2016 budget and the same amount for 2017 for the Urban Forestry Management Plan, which is expected to be used as the basis for city tree plans/code. The board expects to be involved in an advisory/review capacity.
- f. Steve presented six points he will present to the City Council about the Tree Board, including various topics such as recapping the 2015 year and requesting changes in the way the Tree Board is managed by the City.

8. **Tree Board Member Comments**

Barbara Chase will present at least monthly articles about good trees on My Edmonds News

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Edmonds Citizens' Tree Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 3 at 6:00 pm., Council Chambers**

**Minutes submitted by Barbara Chase, Acting Secretary**