
EDMONDS CITIZENS' TREE BOARD

Meeting Notes

June 2, 2016

The Edmonds Citizens' Tree Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 in the council chambers' Jury Room, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds, WA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Chase
Steve Hatzenbeler
Vivian Olson
Doug Petersen

STAFF PRESENT

Jeanie McConnell, Development Services

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Albert (Jed) Marshall, excused
Barbara Durr, excused

ELECTED OFFICIAL PRESENT

Diane Buckshnis – City Council liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

Steve Hatzenbeler called the meeting to order at 6:00

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

New Tree Board member, Bill Phipps was introduced. Bill replaces Crane Stavig. Crane and Rene Travis (alternate) are no longer on the Tree Board.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved

4. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

April 28 meeting notes were approved

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Tree Board Thursday May 5, 2016 event was judged successful. Cass Turnbull of Plant Amnesty spoke about the "Seven Myths of Site, Selection and Care of Trees". We had about 40 people attend from 7:00-9:00 in the City Council chambers. Refreshments were served.
- b. The Tree Board University online program is encouraged. It would help us in our pursuit of the Tree City USA Growth Award.

- c. Vivian Olson shared info on the 4th Grade Foresters national program, which provides sapling trees to many 4th grade students around the country. Diane suggested that the Tree Board write a letter to the School District to provide additional background on the program and improve educational outreach to the students and their families about the trees.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. We discussed planning for the Arbor Day event to be held on October 15.
- b. Denise Nelson, in Development Services, is the new Tree Board administrative support.
- c. Meeting on site on Main St. with Rich Lindsay is recommended. This would not be replacing the Tree Board regular meeting.
- d. Tree Board note taker, Barbara Chase, would like to have help in taking notes. Vivian Olson volunteered for August. Others are encouraged to take notes in the future.
- e. The Tree Board needs to plan for a place at the Museum Garden Market in July.

8. TREE BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Barbara Chase's series on Good Urban Trees featuring Alternatives to Leyland Cypress was on My Edmonds News April 25, 2016.

9. PRESENTATION:

Attorneys Patricia Taraday and Rosa Fruehling Watson gave a presentation/ training about our obligations relating to the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act. We were cautioned that personal emails which contain Tree Board related content could be considered public record. The City Attorney should be contacted if there is a question.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Edmonds Citizens' Tree Board adjourned at 7:30

Future Meetings: July meeting, Thursday, July 7, 2016

August meeting, Thursday, August 4, 2016

Notes submitted by Barbara Chase, Secretary