

1. Introductions- David Parkhurst (from EC), and Matt Smethurst (Engineering)
2. Minutes from November- approved
3. January meeting – push to 1/23 due to MLK holiday
4. No public comment
5. Engineering – West 1st street reconstruction (College to Maple)- narrower road, larger sidewalks and larger tree plots, all due to redevelopment of hospital/Hopewell area
 - We had seen plan last summer with Erin, who had identified some trees that are important to be saved
 - Focus for this presentation is on street trees
 - Reconstruction of wall (method = cast-in-place) and road grading done with goal to save trees
 - Removing 21 trees, but will be replaced with 84 new trees
 - Trees are being removed because of utility conflict
 - Larger trees to be removed were generally in poor health or were Callery Pear
 - Construction begins February (digging when trees dormant) and going into spring/summer 2023
 - New tree plots- what are the sizes? – this detail may not be included in current plan
 - Plots on south side of street may be too confining
 - INDOT has already approved plan as it is, but we have leeway with tree species
 - Species currently include about ¼ maples, should remove legacy sugar maples (size) and concern with overplanting of Acer genus
 - Legacy maples will be replaced depending on plot size and location
 - Haskell will give us his recommendations on species, we will vote in January
6. Urban forester report
 - Removals- approx. 250 this year
 - Currently working on problem areas- clearing of poor condition/invasive species, removing Callery Pears from Jackson Creek school area and Butler West area
 - Planting of fruit trees in Butler area new gardens
 - Pruning- around 840 this year
 - Planting- around 370-400 for year
 - Labor position interviews concluded this past Thursday, person has been selected and awaiting HR approval
 - All bicentennial planting complete, inspections (first round) completed, adding deer guards and stakes, 177 additional plantings this spring
 - Bicentennial round 2- downtown area plantings (90)- these are in TreeKeeper
 - Park Board service agreements with Bluestone and Canopy were both approved
 - B-line removals and replacements of Callery Pear are complete
 - Pruning on E Winston will begin soon
 - Working on updating UDO buffer update
 - Upcoming neighborhood planting with Canopy in spring
 - City union contract- bucket truck, chipper saw safety course
 - Additional educational opportunities (pruning, etc.) also upcoming
 - Additional partnerships with Middleway and post bicentennial planting survey (IU), and Youth Tree Tenders (w/Canopy)

- River Farm Nursey on Kentucky- Haskell is in negation with them, similar soil to what we have and more heat-adapted southern trees, nursery also has additional interesting cultivars (American Sycamores an example, heat-adapted River Birch)
 - Tom's plaque- Haskell will get order in after January 9, dedication in April
7. IU update (Mia)
- Tree planting is complete for year, two additional trees to be planted after current snow issues over
 - Success story with INDOT- 45 and Pete Ellis/Discovery drive intersection- INDOT will compensate IU for 27 trees removed in the area with \$45,000 (up from \$5,000), this was approved by IU trustees
8. Environmental Commission report (Dave)
- Land planning group (ECPC)- Linda Thomson, liaison from city, used to be able to report to EC on any plans that might need comment or review, but this is no longer the case- the Commission is working on how they can begin getting these reports again
 - Has 2-3 pages of updates to send to the UDO
 - Discussing what might happen with the Habitat Connectivity Plan
 - Will begin planning 2023 in January
 - ERAC-
 - discussion of deer management (46 deer taken over the two hunting weekends)
 - prescribed burns- none done this year (no burn advisory due to drought) in order to reduce maple and beech and promote oak and hickory
 - 7th street greenway- 25% survival (vandalism and car accidents)
 - Leonard Springs- potential expansion –
 - Smaller area (5 acre) likely to be purchased, larger area (50 acre) over budget
9. Old business
- Approval of finalized tree lists (interior lists)
 - Will go through Linda and then to UDO
 - And this is editable for next year- revisit and build next fall
 - Haskell will send this along
10. New business
- Laurel and Dedaimia will not continue in their roles
 - David P. is currently taking on Dedaimia's role (add David to email list)
 - Tree Commission officer appointment for 2023
 - Need to replace Laurel as chair- we will make decision next month
 - George is willing to be Vice President
11. Next big task- revision of Tree Care Manual
- Language in text- remove qualification of "healthy" for trees required to be replaced due to removal for construction, etc. projects
12. Mia- dedicate a meeting or do a workshop to focus on Tree Care Manual, or set goals for editing of each section- suggestions to be circulated via email and discussed/approved at next meeting