



Bloomington Tree Commission
Minutes of the meeting, 18 January 2017

PRESENT: **Kerry Bridges** (ISA Board Certified Master Arborist); **Tom Coleman**, (Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Fine Arts, IUB; Indiana Tree Steward of the Year 2004); **Laurel Cornell** (chair, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Studio Art); **Erin Hatch** (COB Urban Forester); **George Hegeman** (Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, IUB); David Parkhurst (Environmental Commission, Professor Emeritus, SPEA); **Dedaimia Whitney** (Certified Tree Steward, Master Gardener)

ABSENT: **David Dilcher** (Professor Emeritus, Geological Sciences, IUB); **Mia Williams** (landscape architect, Indiana University)

GUEST: **Tim Streets**, Operations Director, Parks & Recreation Department; **Chris Negggers**, former member Environmental Commission, conservation forester; **Roy Aten**, CBU Engineering Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved minutes of 20 January 2021 meeting
Next meeting will be 17 March 2021, 9:30am, online

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Negggers is a resident of the Sherwood Oaks neighborhood. He reported two standing dead trees. He tried to submit a job request online last December, but it didn't seem to work. Erin said she would put his trees on the city work list.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning document review

Jackson Creek Trail phase 2 (Roy Aten). The city has federal funding for the Jackson Creek Trail that will require bat mitigation, relocation of some utilities, and the removal of 30 street trees. They will also have to remove additional trees in the trail area. They have identified a 'mitigation area' where they will plant 150 trees to replace the ones they remove. They will also plant 95 shrubs and forty 1"-2½" DBH trees in other locations. Construction will start in the northern section in the spring. The southern section may stretch into 2022. Several TC members were concerned about the recently planted 6-8" DBH oak trees across from the Lutheran Church, 20201 High Street. The plans call to remove the three on the north. The TC discussed removing the trees with a tree spade and relocated but concluded that it was probably not practical, given their size.

Discovery Parkway [formerly Range Road]. The university donated the road and the right-of-way to the city. Construction will start this spring on a new multi-use path along the north side of the road near the new hospital site. Hospital and other parties are helping pay for the work. Plans are to keep the trees in the island, but the city will have to remove 15-20 4-5" DBH maple trees on the north side of the road. Currently there are no plans to plant replacement trees. George Hegeman made a motion that the city and hospital commit to replacing the trees so that the total DBH planted will be equal to the total DBH removed. The motion was seconded by David Parkhurst. Motion passed without exception. Erin asked Roy where possible replanting

locations might be. Roy said he would like to keep them near the project, within the existing right-of-way if possible.

Intersection between 17th and Dunn. Seven maple trees need to be removed; the project calls for replanting 5 trees of 2-2½” DBH.

7th Street protected bike lane. The trail will run from current B-line on the south side of 7th street to Woodlawn Avenue on campus. Most of the work will be done in the existing paving area, but there are a couple of places where trees need to be removed. Approximately 15-20 street trees will replace 4-5 trees, so the city will realize a net gain.

URBAN FORESTER REPORT (Erin Hatch)

See attached.

EC AGENDA.

The climate action plan will be on the agenda. They will elect new officers and create the bucket list for 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE TRAILS. Erin will send out a Zoom link to discuss it.

Respectfully submitted,

Dedaimia Whitney

Urban Forester Report
February 2021

Recent Activities/Events:

- 7 Trees removed by Parks
 - Cascades Golf Course - 2 dead Ash, still more to be removed
 - Southeast Park - 5 trees Red Maple, Bald Cypress, Hackberry <10"
- 9 Trees sent to Streets for Removal
 - 900 E 1st St - Ash 15"
 - 106 N Pete Ellis - Linden 15"
 - 1700 Liberty Dr - Callery Pear 19"
 - 807 W 6th St - Red Maple 12"
 - 103 E 16th St - Red Oak 12"
 - 601 E 7th St - Silver Maple 22"
 - 3200 Longview - Red Maple 15"
 - 301 7th St - Ash 9"
 - 419 N Washington St - Black Locust 25"
- Bloomington accepted into new Arbor Day Foundation program's Tree Cities of the World for 2020
- New UF Full-time Laborer, Bob Grubb, started 2/8

Upcoming Activities/Events:

- February Parks Board Contracts:
 - Bluestone Tree - Removals in Lower Cascades as part of Cascade Creek Erosion/Stabilization project
 - Bluestone Tree - Service contract for tree removals
 - Designscape - Ginkgo transplanting for People's Park

Ongoing Activities:

- Marking and Removal of hazard trees