

Minutes of October 9, 2013, Parks Commission Meeting

6:30 PM at Recreation Center

Attendance: Bill Pearce, Alison Weaver, John Grondin, Terry Pinto Staff: Rene Dorr

The minutes of August 22, 2013, were read and approved unanimously.

John asked why the flag was still not displayed at the Ralph Ulmer Square. Renee had asked James and was told it would be taken care of. Rene indicated he would make sure the flag situation was resolved.

Terry indicated two trees need to be put in Custom House Parking lot and one for Butler Square. Funds could be acquired through Project Canopy. Two more new tree locations are needed. One tree in Butler Square needs to be removed.

John made a motion to request the city apply for a grant for Project Canopy for \$2000 to fund planting 5 trees and maintenance of some existing trees by the Public Works Department, the total project cost would be \$4000. The city's portion would be funded by budget funds and in kind work. The vote was unanimously approved, with Susan Beebee absent.

Tree Warden Report

The tree warden was requested to inspect the following trees:

8 Shaw Street. Tree in fair shape and should be pruned.

64 Masonic Street, the tree was a mature Norway maple on private property, in very poor condition, it was suggested that it be removed and replaced.

4 lake drive, a 6' Norway maple in the public right of way, the property owner wants to put a driveway in and the tree is in the way, after discussing it was code office permission was granted to remove the tree because There is another tree with in ten feet and the property owners agreed to replace the tree in a better location and a more suitable species'.

89 Park Street, a mature silver maple very diseased, on private property, branch fell on car, owner advised to remove the tree ASAP, they agreed, Stevenson tree service removal will remove.

The public restroom goes out to bid next week. This is located next to the Thorndike Parking lot.
The bench in Ralph Ulmer Square is broken. Rene will check out the situation.

Rene distributed the ordinance amendment concerning Public Art. Terry did not feel the Commission should be put in the position of being an art critic. The suggestion is that word "Art" should be changed to "Display"

The budget for the Parks Commission is \$6,500, and \$7,000 Reserve account. Rene checked with Tom and the cost of the flower baskets is not known because the invoices haven't been submitted. The Commission wants to be updated on the Commission's accounts at **every** meeting.

Rene will get the file cabinet for the Commission.

November 14, 2013, at 5:30 PM at the recreation center will be the next Parks Commission meeting.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM.