

Tree Committee Minutes

7 pm June 19, 2023
Council Chamber

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA Flag

Roll Call

Present:

Voting Members: Anastasia Doshna, David Botto, Linda Cohen, Neil Yorio, Lisa Rehm (via phone)

Staff: John W. Coffey, ICMA-CM, City Manager; Orrie Covert, Management Analyst

Excused: Krista Ellingson (Alternate)

Approval of April 26, 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve the amended minutes by David Botto, second by Neil Yorio, approved unanimously

Continuing development of a draft tree preservation ordinance

- Discussed inserting “tree canopies capture up to 30% of rainfall...” into legislative intent
- Discussed clarifying reference to USDA hardiness zone 10A or other trees suitable to IHB unique climate
- Discussed exemption (Page 7) trees less than DBH 4 inches
- Discussed adding definition of “tree” “canopy tree” “understory tree” “palm tree”
- Discussed size of replacement trees and applicability of palm trees....leave it open ended? Or “at expected maturity the replacement tree will match the characteristic of the tree that was removed”
- Discussion difference between tree mitigation section and replacement tree section
- Discussed swapping Section 42 and Section 43 order and reduce overlap between the sections
- Discussed having a minimum size replacement tree
- Discussed having future revised tree lists based on input from experts in the area
- Discussed making recommended tree list and palm list more similar (i.e., columns names)
- Discussion of possible incentive program to encourage people to remove non-desirable trees (something that could be proposed to the City Council after the Tree Preservation Ordinance is adopted)
- Discussed revising tree lists Neil created (staff forwarded to the other committee members)
- Staff to accept changes in draft to provide a cleaner version for the next meeting.
- Committee agreed to review the current landscaping code to make sure there are no conflicts of draft ordinance with existing landscaping code
- Comments back to Mr. Covert NLT June 30, 2023

General Discussion

July 12th at 7pm is the next meeting.

Public Forum

N/A

Adjournment

Linda Cohen motion to adjourn, consensus approved at 8:26 pm