



# The City of Hoboken

## Shade Tree Commission

### Minutes

Meeting on February 11, 2013

1. Roll call

- Present - Tricarico, Henriques, Condon, Dziman, Yuhas
- Excused - Calamoneri
- Commissioner Emeritus Fahmie

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January meeting were approved.

3. Commissioner Status - Tricarico will circulate to the Commissioners a proposal for the status of each including term dates. Once approved, he will submit it to Corporation Council (and other Administration representatives as necessary) for comment and approval.

4. Washington Street Project - Project is complete! The City still needs to remove the "bulletin board". Tricarico will follow up. Tricarico, with input from Condon, will create about two dozen signs indicating that tree pits are not garbage pits. The intent is to educate building owners on the 100 block of Washington Street and begin to change the "culture" on Washington Street to care for trees.

4. Long Term Maintenance - Condon reviewed quote from Hufnagel for long term maintenance of the Washington Street trees, especially the new trees. The quote was rejected for being too expensive. Tricarico will follow up with Director Pelligrini to established watering responsibility and schedule for the new trees.

5. Spring project - Tricarico will coordinate activities for Earth Day and Arbor Day at the end of April. Yuhas, with input from Condon, will be responsible for spring maintenance and plantings for the Washington Street trees on the 100 block. Tricarico will coordinated with Stevens the volunteer project to maintain the rest of the Washington Street trees.

6. The budget status was discussed. Commissioners will discuss the budget with Council members when possible.

6. The year-end report was submitted by Tricarico to the Mayor.

7. Reimbursement to Tricarico for expenses related to Washington Street cleanup (\$246) and the N.J. Shade Tree foundation (\$190) was unanimously approved.

8. 2012 Budget - Tricarico will determine how much, if any, money remains and how any surplus is handled.

9. Tree inventory - Fahmie will attempt to determine how many changes have been made to ArborPro since the inventory was completed.

10. Dangerous trees - The City has been notified that dangerous trees exist and should be removed. This needs to be followed up to insure that the City, in particular Director Pelligrini understands that there is a potential liability to the City and a responsibility of the City to take corrective action.

The next meeting of the Commission is Monday, March 11, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.