



City of Hoboken, Shade Tree Commission

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Minutes

Monday November 10, 2014

7:00 pm

1. Roll call

a. Present - Cossio, Tricarico, Davis

b. Also Present - Peter Bakarich, Lizz from Quality of Life Coalition

2. Approval of September Minutes

The minutes for August, September & October were not approved.

3. Old Business

- Residential Fall Planting (Fahmie)

Louis Barbato & Co. is scheduled to plant the trees approx 60-70 before November 27 as of this date.

Approx 90% of the tree pit sites are paved over and will be opened by the vendor. Next step is for OneCall to complete their work and Fahmie will collect more final list of qualified spots to plant. Meeting took place with vendor, Director Pellegrini, Shade Tree commissioners earlier in the month. Fahmie & Cossio visited the Barbato nursery to tag trees within the last month. Fahmie is organizing volunteers to complete the mark out areas for the tree pits. Group discussed was to market the 2015 Spring tree planting, Some ideas were letter to the editor, and to work with the City PR Manager Juan Melli.

- (Grant 3) Green acres grant

Tricarico submitted the grant to the administration for the Mayor's signature. Tricarico & Davis to follow up on the status.

-Community Forestry Plan, Paul Cowie & Associate:

Diana Davis is planning to have all plan revisions back to the plan writer by Friday November 14.

Commissioners must submit any changes by then.

- (Grant 1) Status on \$20,000 CSIP tree pruning grant

Fahmie explained that Director Pellegrini is intending to use the grant for tree pruning in parks and to prune trees the STC planted since 2010. Tricarico brought up that the grant was won specifically for the pruning of Harzardous branches on Living Street trees. There is some debate on when the funds are required to be used by. Tricarico to research.

- Washington Street Maintenance project

Calamoneri has sent out bid specs and has received back a few high quotes. Specs have also been sent to the Newark Conservancy because it was determined that they can meet the requirements of the work to be completed. It was determined that the maintenance specifications should be streamlined so that lower quotes would come in.

- Washington Street Beautification project street 3

The 2014 block (Washington between 3rd & 4th) will be encumbered for in 2014 but the project will take place in 2015. Tricarico to make sure funds are encumbered in December.

- (Grant 2) Status TD Bank Green Streets Grant & Greater Newark Conservancy

-Friday November 14th will be a tree planting ceremony at the Hoboken High School field entrance with principal Robin Piccietra, TD Bank, the Newark Conservancy and Mayor Zimmer. The grant theme is Tree awareness.

-Tricarico & Sabrina Lindsey from the Newark Conservancy presented news of the Grant and a Tree & environment presentation to 7th & 8th grade science classes of Hoboken public School on November 10th.

Tree Signage to Recognizing the donors of prior year's tree planting

Fahmie is continuing to engage volunteers to utilize the App to collect data on the trees planted since 2010 which will eventually be marked with the tree tags.

-Stevens Fall Washington Mulch & gardening project

Robert Whipple from the environmental club at Stevens gathered approx. 30 students for a Saturday November 8th clean up day. Cossio and Bakarich were project coordinators. The project was a success the additional cabbage plants purchased but not planted will be given to environmental services to plant or distribute. The volunteers mulched tree pits from 7th to 15th streets and from 1st to 3rd streets which included the plantings. Additional mulch could be saved or used accordingly by Parks/Environmental Services.

Shade Tree Conference

Calamoneri was not able to attend the Shade Tree Conference.

Girdled Tree Pits

Fahmie discussed plans to engage volunteers and the Spring 2015 planting to also document and address the problem of girdled Tree Pits.

Adjournment