



The City of Hoboken

Shade Tree Commission

Minutes
Meeting on August 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at: 7:05 pm

1. Roll call

- Present - Condon, Dziman, Tricarico, Calamoneri and via Skype, Henriques
- Excused - Yuhas
- Also present - Steve Fahmie, Diana Davis

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the July 8 meeting were approved.

3. Old Business

a. Washington Street Tree Project – 100 Block

- Signage: Condon will hang temporary signs on the 100 block of Washington Street trees concerning caring for trees and fines for abusing trees.
- Flyers: Dziman will drop off flyers indicating the need to maintain trees to the businesses on Washington Street.
- Mulching: Tricarico will get a PO for mulch and mulch will be placed by the STC at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 21 on all trees.
- Watering: It is unclear whether or not trees were watered properly this spring.

b. Washington Street Project – 200 Block

- Planting Schedule: The plan is to plant the 200 block this fall.
- Watering: Condon will develop a watering plan for the 200 block of Washington Street tree planting and present it to Director Pellegini for his acceptance and agreement. If he does not agree to take responsibility for the watering, Condon will determine the cost of a contractor to do the watering. The result of this activity might affect the schedule for planting. This will be completed by the next meeting.

c. Freddie Moret tree dedication – Calamoneri will review with Director Pellegrini possible locations for a tree to be planted in memory of Freddie Moret at Stevens Park. An oak or a horsechestnut were suggested as possible tree variety to be planted.

d. New Vision Statement – Henriques is scheduled to meet with the Mayor on August 20 to review the new Vision Statement. Once that is done, he will communicate to the Commission, via group email, the status. The following assignments have been established.

- Director Pellegrini – Calamoneri
- Giattino – Henriques
- Castellano – Henriques

- Cunningham – Dziman
- Bhalla – Dziman
- Mello – Yuhas
- Mason – Henriques
- Occhipinti – Tricarico
- Russo – Tricarico

e. Chamber of Commerce: Condon will contact Greg Dell’Aguilla, the president of the Chamber of Commerce by the next STC meeting to explore the possibility of a business or developer sponsoring the entire Washington Street beautification project.

4. New Business

- Additional City wide tree planting:

- * There is \$15k in the budget for planting trees in 2013 in the rest of the City.
- * It is estimated that the average cost per tree will be \$1k.
- * Dziman will determine the 15 locations based on previous applications for trees and the acceptability of the location.
- * Fahmie will get a quote for preparing right sized tree pits and planting trees for the 15 locations.
- * It was agreed that the homeowner would have to pay \$100 to get a tree planted.
- * Tricarico will work with Juan Melli to get agreement on the plan and create the publicity for the project.
- * Tricarico will work with Diana Davis to establish a game plan on tree standard documents for spring residential planting and other plantings.
- * All the above will be completed by the next STC meeting.

- ArborPro inventory: ArborPro still owes the STC the missing data from the inventory. Fahmie has been following up.

- Volunteers: Davis will be in charge of getting volunteers to handle various projects for the STC.

- Dead Trees: Calamoneri will send out letters to the owners of the properties of the 100 dead and dangerous trees that were identified in the ArborPro inventory. The letter will indicate that the owner is responsible for removing the tree and will be fined if it is not done.

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:00 pm