



The City of Hoboken

Shade Tree Commission

Minutes
Meeting on July 8, 2013

1. Roll call

- Present - Condon, Dziman, Yuhas, Tricarico, Calamoneri and via Skype, Henriques
- Also present – David D'Agostino

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June meeting were approved.

3. Old Business

a. Washington Street Tree Project

- Watering of new trees on the 100 block continue to be a concern. Frequency of the watering by Director Pellegrini's staff should be twice a week. Calomoneri will confirm who is doing the watering and how often. A letter from the STC should be written requesting that it is done on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tricarico will get a quote from Hoboken Hot House for watering.
- A PO for signage needs to be submitted by Condon.
- It was determined that it was too hot and too late in the season for supplemental plantings. It was agreed that we should wait until spring 2014. It was agreed that we could mulch, fertilize, and aerate the pits. Mulch can be purchased from Matera's as well as possibly some annuals.

b. Washington Street Project Phase 2 (200 block) – A Linden tree was taken down & should be replaced. Condon will revise the plan to include this. Condon will send RFP to Hufnagel and Mola. Tricarico will look into whether or not we need 3 quotes.

c. Additional City wide tree planting –

- Dziman will determine how many of those residents actually have the proper space for a new tree and new tree pit.
- Tricarico met with Diana to create standard documents on tree planting.
- Fahmie recommended a document that property owners who receive trees will have to sign indicating that they will care for the tree.
- There was much discussion on how much of a contribution the resident should make towards the tree. It was also discussed that an agreement letter should be signed by the STC and the resident. It was agreed that we should determine how much the plantings will cost and then determine the resident's contribution from that amount.

d. Washington Street "Culture" Change – Dziman was going to communicate with the business owners on the 100 block to see if they will maintain the trees. In addition, Henriques is met with the President of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the possibility of business owners "sponsoring" trees to help pay for the maintenance. Henriques believes we should have a big developer/company sponsor the tree maintenance.

g. New Vision Statement – Henriques will meet with the Mayor to review the new Vision Statement. Once that is done, he will communicate to the Commission, via group email, the status. The following assignments were finalized.

- Director Pellegrini – Calamoneri
- Giattino – Henriques
- Castellano – Henriques
- Cunningham – Dziman
- Bhalla – Dziman
- Doyle – Fahmie
- Mello – Yuhás
- Mason – Henriques
- Occhipinti – Tricarico
- Russo – Tricarico

4. New Business

a. Storm water runoff education - Yuhás will distribute concerning information and education about storm water runoff.

b. Environmental Services – Calamoneri presented the tree report. The following are trees that decisions were made or decisions need to be on them:

711 Jefferson – Should be removed and the resident does not want to replant. Voted to remove tree and close pit.

130 & 132 Monroe – Should be removed and replaced.

300 Newark – Owner wants to remove 11 healthy trees and replace with smaller ones. These trees need to be looked at by the STC.

Willow between 2nd & 3rd – A tree was removed and the pit was closed. There was a question as to whether a permit was issued.

Elysian Park & Castle Point – Tree needs to be pruned. Leaves are getting in the gutter of a resident's property.

Stevens Park – Someone wants to donate a tree in memorial to a friend. STC needs to look at what types of trees are in the park and recommend where it could be planted.

Newark & Bloomfield – RED developer planted trees.

Calamoneri will check the status of the Jackson and Monroe trees in the inventory and then suggest whether or not it should be removed.

c. Commemoration of Freddie Moret - Calamoneri reported that Freddie's family would like a tree planted in Stevens Park. STC agreed to plant a tree there in memorial to Freddie.

d. STC Communication Documents- Tricarico is working with Diana to revamp STC documents

e. CSIP Grant – Tricarico will follow up with this.

f. NJ STC Conference – October 25-26. Three people should attend. You can choose to go for one day or both. Calamoneri would like to go on Friday. Yuhás would like to go on Saturday.

g. Annual Commissioners Disclosure to State – All commissioners will need to fill this out. Tricarico will send us the link.

h. STC Photo – Should be done for October.

i. – Developer Plan Review –

302 Monroe – 3 trees at 3 “diameter trunk with a 4x8 pit with guard is recommended by STC.

14 Patterson – Verify type of tree. STC recommends a 4x8 pit.

118-120 Madison - Verify type of tree. STC recommends a 4x8 pit & a 3 “diameter trunk.

522 Adams – There were no trees on the plan.