



City of Hoboken, Shade Tree Commission

David Calamoneri Matthew Condon Peter Cossio Diana Davis Bo Dziman James J. Tricarico Cathy Yuhas

Minutes

Monday October 20, 2014

7:00 pm

1. Roll call

- a. Present - Condon, Cossio, Tricarico, Dziman, Calamoneri, Davis
- b. Also Present - Peter Bakarich,

2. Approval of September Minutes

The minutes for August & September were not approved.

3. Old Business

- Residential Fall Planting (Calamoneri)

Louis Barbato & Co. will be contacted to set up pre planting meeting with Calamoneri, Cossio, Dziman & Fahmie. The list of possible tree sites will be marked out by volunteers led by Fahmie and then Louis Barbato will be calling One Call. Clearance & ordering of Temporary No Parking Signage and Street & Sidewalk opening permits will be handled by Calamoneri. After the final list is decided, any other residents who made the donation will be given an option to get a refund.

- (Grant 3) Green acres grant

Davis submitted the completed grant to the commission, it will be sent to the administration for the Mayor's signature. Tricarico will contact Davis on the Status.

-Community Forestry Plan, Paul Cowie & Associate:

Hoping for a draft back to the STC by the next meeting November 10th. Fahmie & Davis agreed to read the draft over cover to cover to provide feedback. Need final plan submitted to the state by the end of the year.

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

Calamoneri explained the Arbor pro software is not accessible and that he is waiting pruning specs. City has not made progress on the grant since the last meeting. Tricarico to send list of trees in need of pruning to Dziman who will identify at least 20 to focus on pruning this year. Tricarico will ask technology consultants to price out the cost of moving the arbor pro software to the server so that it's accessible using any of the five licenses the City owns. Tricarico to write a letter to the Assistant BA asking for greater support from the City on the plans of the Shade Tree Commission.

- Washington Street Maintenance project

Calamoneri has sent out bid specs to possible contractors but has not heard back from any. Tricarico working with Newark Conservancy to determine if they can meet the requirements.

- Washington Street Beautification project street 3

Condon does not want to move ahead with the 3rd block of the project until the Washington maintenance plan is in effect. Cossio agrees. Condon has not prepared the specs & story board for the third street yet.

- (Grant 2) Status TD Bank Environment Community Education Development 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.

-Full plan with Students & the Newark Conservancy are being worked out but will include an instructor visit to the Science classes of Hoboken High, a Field trip to the Newark Conservancy, and an assembly presentation by the Newark Conservancy to the High School.

Tree recognizing the donors of the 2011 tree planting

Fahmie is leading the effort to organize volunteers to tag trees which have been previously donated or in general planted by the Shade Tree Commission. He also created a web app which will be used to capture the health statistics of the trees tagged. The data will be collected and will be available to the Commission. He's planning to organize volunteers and distribute tags. Calamoneri has provided the tree tags. They are to work out how to affix the tag to the tree. Fahmie also ordered logo stickers identifying the organizations that donated towards that tree planting.

No Garbage in the Tree pit signage

Calamoneri follow up with the commission on the final specs for the signage, he will be placing the order with the same vendor that produced the tree species & recognition tags. Signage to be fastened to the tree guards with zip ties.

-Stevens Fall Washington Mulch & gardening projecty

Robert Whipple from the environmental club at Stevens is gathering approx. 40 students for a Saturday November 8th clean up day. Cossio and Bakarich are project coordinators. Tricarico to send out project specs to them & Calamoneri.

Shade Tree Conference

Calamoneri has committed to attend. No other Commissioners expressed interest at the meeting to attend.

Approval of plans

Cossio received plans for 800 Monroe & 502 Madison. Full review and written response to plan to be prepared.

Adjournment