



City of Hoboken, Shade Tree Commission

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Minutes

Monday December 8, 2014

7:00 pm

1. Roll call

- a. Present - Cossio, Tricarico, Davis (via Phone) Absent: Condon
- b. Also Present - Peter Bakarich, Leah Healy Resident

2. Approval of November Minutes

3. Old Business

-Community Forestry Plan, Paul Cowie & Associate:

Commissioner Davis received the copy of the plan, circulated to the Commission and sent to the Mayor's Office for signature. A final copy with the Mayor's endorsement is due to the State as soon as possible. The City risks being without indemnity coverage while the plan is not properly files past 2014.

Vote: To Approve the 5 year Community Forestry Management plan as completed by Paul Cowie & Assoc.

Approved 5-0

Vote: To Approve the purchase of a training session from Paul Cowie for tree pruning in 2015. Invitees are any Commissioners, Public.

Approved 5-0

-Residential Fall Planting (Fahmie)

Louis Barbato & Co.is scheduled to plant the trees approx 64 and the City has had trouble getting the vendor to confirm a start date on the project. The current projection is to have the project started between December 11th- 16th. Commissioner Cossio is working with volunteer Fahmie & City Contact David Calamoneri to coordinate the planting event. Commissioner Tricarico will look into the contract remedies for nonperformance with the City purchasing Agent.

-(Grant 3)Green acres grant

Grant application has been submitted, Commissioner Tricarico need to check up on the status and submit the CFMP bill for reimbursement on the grant.

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

City has not taken action by putting grant out to bid during the month. Commissioner Tricarico to write a letter to Administration underscoring that the Grant was won to prune hazardous street trees and that there is no hold up on the work besides the inaction of the City on finding a vendor for the work.

Letter to remove Hazardous tree limbs have gone out to residents in the last month.

- *Washington Street Maintenance project*

-Commissioner Tricarico to read current bid specs and prepare version for under bid threshold.

- *Washington Street Beautification project street 3*

Vote: Commission agrees to plant a different species each block and to promote diversity and add to the ecstatic presentation of the project. Additionally the Commission approves continuing the block 3 planting scheduled for 2014 and to plant an additional two blocks per year from 2015 forward.

Approved 5-0

-*Tree report from the City:*

Commissioner Calamoneri, Tricarico & Vol. Fahmie agree to meet to organize a Google spread sheet data base for processing and storing records of City street tree permits.

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

2014 Future Meetings: None

Meetings held in City Hall basement conference room across from the municipal violations window.