

Tree and Park Committee Meeting
March 13, 2014

1. Call to Order at 10:08 AM

Present: Jason Botz, Yunghi Choi, Barbara Ellis, Celeb Weaver, German Quiroga, Cornelia O'Connor.
Absent: Bethany Brendt, Andy Wood, Ann Gosline, Karla Espinosa. Public: Bob Misiorowski, Anne Townsend

2. Minutes of 12/05/13 approved.

3. Plans for Earthfest/Arbor day; Juan Barba, consulting arborist, will be our speaker. The area for the Arbor Day tree and companion plants needs to be prepared. This area needs to be approved by Council.

Action steps:

a. Mark the area for blue stake: Weaver and O'Connor

b. Permission from Council: O'Connor

b.Call for the blue stake: Quiroga

c. Loosen the area and remove as much Bermuda grass as possible: Botz, Quiroga and Weaver

d. Purchase mulch: Quiroga

e. Choose tree species and companion plants: No decision. Consult arborist.

4. Native plants for Community Center. Plants were purchased through a generous donation by Theresa Karsner, and will be planted by Weaver.

Action Step:

a. Involve local youth: Weaver

b. Purchase mulch: Quiroga

5. Plan for future rain gardens to benefit pollinators and birds. Areas were marked on Choi's master drawing of the park.

Action steps:

a. Prepare master park plan drawing: Choi.

b. Present over all plan to Council indication which will be done first: O'Connor

6. Comprehensive plan for removal and replacement of certain trees. It was decided to consult an arborist for assessment.

Action step:

a. Seek advice/bids from arborist: O'Connor

b. Bring plan to council: O'Connor

7. Recommendations for Pollinating Garden.

Action Step:

a. Design improvements: Choi

b. Clean up the garden: Townsend, Ellis and O'Connor

8. Update on Community Challenge Grant: We are on schedule.

9. Update on PRCF grant for benches. Approved

10. Refurbishing picnic tables: Waiting for response from high school shop teacher.

11. Recommendations to town manager for park maintenance. A list will be made up.

Action step:

a. Discuss recommendations with town manager: O'Connor

12. Adjourn 11:30 AM