

## Ad Hoc tree and park committee minutes

June 7, 2011

Present: Jeff Evens, Herman Quiroga, Cornelia O'Connor

Absent: Kazz Workizer, Cliff Hirsh, Kelly Fleming, Andy Wood

Also present: David Teel, Town Manager; Arcenio De La Ossa, Public Works Foreman.

**Agenda item #1** Discussion about the email we received from Juan Barba regarding increasing the amount of water the park trees receive. German and Arsenio will see what adjustments need to be made so all the trees get water, and German will contact Juan Barba to get info on the amount of time the sprinkles need to run. This is a stop gap measure until the rains come or until we can install a drip system. Arzinio said some of the stress of the trees is due to insect damage, and not lack of water.

Discussion about not having received a report from the arborist. It was decided to give them until the end of the month. If we do not receive a report, we will rescind the contract. Cornelia will contact the arborists to pass on this decision. We need to line up some other experts in case we do not get a report from the original arborists. Cornelia has a call in to Dean Fish, and will follow up with that contact.

We need to think about the natural life span of the trees and plan for replacements. We discussed other improvement that could be made to the park to make it more enticing and useful for day to day use to the public. David suggested having an urban planning intern from one of the universities work with us, or the Drachmann Institute. He will give contact names to Cornelia, and she will follow up on this. David will also research grants for trees, park improvements, etc.

**Agenda item #2** We decided to plan for a pollinating garden to be located between Town Hall and 3rd Ave. Cornelia had spoken to Erica Miller, Girl Scout leader. The Girl Scouts are interested in designing and planting the garden, but not maintaining it. German will contact the Pima Garden Club to see if they are interested in that project. Cornelia will make this an agenda item for the Senior Citizen Board to see if there is any interest there. The folks who maintain the Butterfly Garden may be interested, and Cornelia will contact them if the others are not interested.

When all the information is together the plan will be presented to the Town Council. We budgeted \$500.00 to this project.

We will have the dead pine trees cut down and used to mulch the other trees if there is no danger of spreading diseases to the other trees. Cornelia will ask Dean Fish about this.

Submitted June 10, 2011

Cornelia O'Connor, Chair