

Minutes of Park and tree Committee Sept 15, 2011

Present: Kazz Workizer, German Quiroga, Andy Wood, Dave Teel, Jeff Evans, Cornelia O'Connor.

Absent: Kelly Fleming, Cliff Hirsch.

Members discussed and reviewed recommendations from the experts and decided to forgo at this time the removal of the large cottonwood discussed at the last meeting.

The ideas brought forth and action steps are as follows, but not in any order of priority.

1. Improve irrigation and apply mulch. We will ask local suppliers about availability of mulch. Dave will check on changing the sprinkler system to drip.
2. Swale and berm down slope from select trees. Kazz will ID trees. We will need volunteers to help make the swales.
3. Start to control run off water in the park by starting at the top (The ditch along McKeown Ave by air vac area). Put in small check dams and limiting parking under the sycamore trees. Cornelia and German will measure the area. Jeff will ask a local supplier for a donation of rocks. Andy will ask SSVEC for free old utility poles
4. Plant at the culvert near Quiroga Lane to draw up standing water. Could be done at no cost. Cornelia will ask Cado Daily, extension agent, to recommend plants.
5. Swale along RT 82, use a bobcat?
6. A small landscaping around the bird sculpture to highlight it. Cornelia will talk to Nancy McCoy, whose idea this is. Could be done at no cost to this committee.
7. Rain gardens in the park. Low cost.
8. Gabion benches to stop erosion and flooding on McKeown edge of the gazebo concrete pad. Will fill with some dirt and plant small shrubs. Kazz will do measurements and get data to help write the grant proposal. Meeting on the grant proposal on Sept 22nd at 9 am at Council Chambers.

We want to bring a Five-Year master plan to the council, with phase one and phase two detailed and other plans outlined.