

Park and Tree Committee minutes of 10-4-12

Call to order: 10:10 AM Town Council Chambers

Present: Andrea Woods, Kazz Workizer, Cornelia O'Connor, German Quiroga, Jeff Evans. Absent: Cliff Hirsch. Excused: Kelly Fleming

Unconfirmed balance in the Tree and Park Fund is \$5,052.00 About \$150.00 of that is earmarked for the Pollinating Garden.

A suggestion was made to hire Kate Tirion as a consultant for \$400.00 . It was decided that since we have not yet finished implementing all the suggestions from our other consultants, that we should wait on this.

Continue with ongoing projects.

### **1. Drainage ditch water harvesting between helipad and McGowan Ave.**

Andy and German will head up the second phase of this project. The first phase is completed, Vehicles are no longer parking under the sycamore trees and grass is growing there. For the second phase they will enlist the help of high school students and Boy Scouts. The plan is to bore basins, fill them with rocks, and then to plant sacaton grass plugs. Andy will consult with Jeff Cooper. Irrigation will hook into the Mariposa Clinic, as agreed to by Ann Mihalik, who is in charge of the landscaping there. We will have Cliff extend the irrigation. Before any digging is done, Andy will get a Blue Stake. The time line for completion is by the end of Nov, 2012. Andy will prune the sycamore trees in this area.

### **2. Mulching under the park trees.**

Kazz will head up the continuation of this project. She will ask the county to provide community service workers, who will make berms and swales and then spread the mulch that the Town now has a supply of. Time line is completion of some of the trees by the end of Nov. 2012.

### **3. Bird sculpture.**

Nothing has been done yet to highlight this sculpture.

Cornelia will head up this project, A basin will be made around the sculpture, fabric cloth, then mulch, with a few small boulders, and some vegetation, estimated cost \$200.00, Some money may come from Patagonia Business Association. Time line, end of Nov 2012

#### **4. Improve irrigation to park trees.**

German will ask Dave Teel, Town Manager, if he is interested in getting bids to improve the irrigation system in the park, as was recommended by our consulting arborists.

#### **5. Pollinating Garden**

Cornelia will get more native plants for the garden and make some improvements to the irrigation system. Time frame, on going.

#### **Other business**

1. Cornelia asked if the group would be interested in asking for a grant from Patagonia Regional Foundation for shade sails for the area between the gazebo and the pillars. The discussion did not continue because Kazz said she is donating shade sails to the town for that area, to use continuously or put up and take down as they see fit.

2. Cornelia asked if there was any interest in getting irrigation to the pillars so vines could grow there. The committee wants to wait on this.

3. Kazz remarked that money went into the Park and Tree Fund from the Fall Festival of 2011 from the silent auction. She is concerned because the Santa Cruz Health Department does not want to give permits to food vendors in tents, which could negatively impact the festival. She is also concerned with the increasing cost of running the festival which could wipe out any profit.

Adjourn: 11:20 AM