

MAY 7, 2024 TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Carole Holland, Jack Greene, Jeff Barnes, Jennifer Clark, Rich Johns, Todd Orme

1. Grant proposal update- We need a commitment from Hayden Downs regarding arborist certification if \$500 is needed for his exam. Jack will check with Preston regarding our tree inventory, last done in 2017. Jeff will check with city regarding their costs for mulching, tree care, etc. Final grant report due end of June. Everyone's hour to Jeff, including USU arborist Dane Gyllenskog.
2. Tree committee policy change- Jeff will send his suggested changes for Committee comments by June for our input.
3. Arbor Day poster contest: all in order- awards have been given, tree has been purchased, awaiting location for the winning students ceremony.
4. Health Day's booth activities- much the same as last year. Corner booth #60. Jack, Jeff, and Kayo have trees to give away, with instructions for planting and care. Jennifer, Jack, Jeff, and Rich will offer help at the booth.
5. Summit Creek Watershed- monitoring/restoration. Jack shared the following information from Nick:
 - Met with Sky View and I think their natural resources/Ag Department may be willing to help grow trees and plants for restoration projects. They've been studying Mack Park for years.
 - I did a walkthrough of Forrester Acres with Jake Powell (USU landscape architecture extension) to see if he had any ideas for watershed improvements. He had some interesting ideas and is going to have his intern draft up some concepts. I'd then like to approach the Mayor, the Tree Committee, and the Parks Department with those concepts to see if they have any interest.
 - I'm wanting to do a group outing to Forrester Acres this Summer to do a citizen science type riparian assessment.
 - I've deployed 4 Dissolved Oxygen/Temp sensors; hope to deploy water level sensors soon
 - I've been working with 3 different ag. producers who have interest in river restoration. Big picture: I'd love to utilize Sky View's plants on the tail end of the projects.
6. Tree watering & mulching: Similar to last year- Jack waters Mack Park & library, Jeff & Mair water Forrester acres. It appears the city has already mulched the trees!
7. Other business- none
8. Next meeting- either August or September, depending on what transpires during the interim.