

## **SMITHFIELD CITY TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025.**

Attending: Carol, Jeff, Jennifer, Jack, Rich, Todd. Excused: Kayo & Mair

1. Discussion on tree watering schedule: weather dependent, prolonged hot and dry may require extra watering. Will follow past two years- Jack, Carol, Jennifer water Mack Park and Library, Jeff and Mair Forester Acres.

2. Discussion on a certified arborist. James Hunsaker attended. Thanked James for passing Certified Arborist exams and requirements, now fully certified!

Good discussion on James priorities. Removal of dead trees in Mack park, \$10k approved in City budget. No \$ for new trees, will attempt to include in '26 budget. James prefers slow growing, long lived trees, which the committee agreed. (We later approved \$ from our tree budget to purchase a burr oak tree) Jeff and Jack will meet with James to discuss updating tree inventory for Tree Management Plan.

3. Discussion on the Health Days Arbor Day poster contest and Health Days. Another very successful poster contest. Jeff and Jennifer deserve special thanks for many hours donated toward posters and Health Days booth. Jennifer had several others, a Skyview art teacher, and members of the Smithfield art committee as judges. Kayo produced a lovely page on aspen trees, which was distributed to schools and at our booth. Mair, Jennifer, and Jack helped Jeff with booth as well. We awarded 32 trees (choke cherry & service (June) berry trees to tree quiz winners. Jeff wishes to get a table cloth type banner for our booth similar to what other tables were using.

4. Other business

From past "Other business," the committee discussed several ongoing and future initiatives. Jeff proposed organizing a tree pruning workshop in the fall to educate the community on proper techniques, which garnered enthusiastic support. Carol suggested exploring partnerships with local garden centers to provide discounted or donated trees for future planting projects. Rich raised the idea of creating a digital map of Smithfield's significant trees, which could serve as both an educational resource and a tool for tree management. The committee agreed to revisit these ideas in the next meeting to flesh out plans and allocate resources.

5. Next Meeting: fall, 2025