

SMITHFIELD CITY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 4th minutes

Attending: Deon, Jeff, Mair, Jack, Jorge Manan-Moreno (guest) **Excused:** Carole, Jennifer, Kayo

1. Tree Management Plan updated tree list and tree health- hire an arborist to conduct tree inventory on tree health? **Will attempt to hire an arborist to update inventory.**
2. Inflation Reduction Act grants for urban forests update- coming soon! **Talked with Forest Service person last week- hoping to receive funds by April.**''''''''
3. Tree care training for city staff March 15 8:30 – 11:30? See tentative schedule below- Thanks Mair for putting this together!! **Deon will confirm that we have the Council Chambers for the training. All is good otherwise!**
4. Arbor Day poster contest with Smithfield elementary schools- judges? **Jennifer's brother, a graphic artist, has volunteered to judge, including a few artist friends. Deon will check with teachers from three elementary schools at Chamber meeting to see how it's progressing. Posters due by May 1, judged by May 7th.**
5. May 13 Health Day booth- more ideas for fun, engaging activities. Subcommittee needed to plan details? Materials needed? **Jeff has reserved space for our booth and will be picking up a canopy, chairs, table, and bring his corn hole stuff. Jack will bring pinecones to toss. Carole has gathered several more ideas for activities at the booth, including a tree ID hunt. Jack will invite other committee members to join him for planning and gathering needed materials.**
6. Arbor Day teacher resources and tree planting for school- Jack needs help! **Jack will invite Carole and Jennifer to join him to meet teachers at their schools offering additional Arbor Day activities and resources.**
7. List of trees for mayor's curbside planting in new subdivision- Kayo update **Mair continues to improve our tree list, including 25 trees for curbside strips in new subdivisions. She has shared the list with Kayo and Jeff.**
8. New board member candidate- Jorge Manan-Moreno. Preparing his bio for the city council to review and vote on. **Jorge introduced himself to the committee. Jack submitted his bio to the Mayor. Deon will confirm it will be on the March 22nd council agenda. Jorge and Jack plan to attend the council meeting where Jorge will be introduced.**
9. Other business **Jeff introduced another grant opportunity "Community Forestry Partnership" which holds promise. He will get the 2023 RFP from Morgan. Grants up to \$15K.**
10. Next meeting April 4th