

SMITHFIELD CITY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Meeting minutes

Attending: Carole, Deon, Jeff, Jennifer, Jack

Excused: Jorge, Mair, Kayo

1. Hiring arborist Preston Colver this month to conduct our tree inventory- we attempted to contact Preston during the meeting without success. When he talked to Jack a week ago, he plans to begin conducting the inventory this month, but has been delayed due to a family emergency. We have \$500 remaining in our 2022-23 budget which must be used before July 1st, or it will be lost.
2. Watering our new trees as weather determines- who is available for July – September? Carole, Jeff, Jennifer, Jack, and Mair will be available to help. Deon was excused from watering, as he will be out much of those months. We should have plenty of coverage with this number of volunteers. Jack will arrange a schedule.
3. Jeff's grant progress report- considerable discussion ensued. Jeff will inquire on how much we should ask for. The maximum is \$15,000, which we need for the following- tree inventory, tree management plan update, education and training, dead tree removal and stump grinding, mulching- all categories included in the grant. We added tentative figures totaling \$15,000. Jeff will also inquire how much flexibility is allowed within categories should we need to move dollars from one area to another. Jack will inform Public works- Hayden and Josh, of our grant intent and ask for mulch costs.
4. Inflation Reduction Act grants for urban forests update- Jack now has contact info for the state office which will be managing these grant funds and ask for RFP's when they are available.
5. May 13th Health Day booth & Arbor Day poster contest- resounding success, including the weather! Much gratitude to Jeff, Kayo, Carole, and Jennifer for a most enjoyable event! How might we improve for next year? All agreed our booth, and the Arbor Day poster contest were highly successful. Jeff suggested we have trees in tubes for contest winners, which should be available at nurseries. Jennifer's brother and friends wish to be judges again next year. Jack hopes to have direct contact with teachers next year to share more Arbor Day classroom activities. Jennifer will attempt to have the library display the winning posters. Thanks to the City Council and Justin for their recognizing the winners and their families. We will continue encouraging Summit Creek elementary to join the poster contest.
6. Hayden's arborist certification schedule- Hayden is hoping to commence with the training in July if his work schedule allows.
7. Other business Jack will contact Hayden to see how we might get a watering system for the curbside honey locusts by the city office building. Jeff mentioned emerald ash borer traps have been added to some of the Main Street ash tree. None have been reported in our state yet but are well established in Colorado.

Next meeting, Tuesday, August 1st