

SMITHFIELD CITY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 2, 2023

1. Tree Management Plan updated tree list and tree health- **Preston Colver has agreed to conduct tree health inventory in June. Details of the contract will be developed this month.**

2. Inflation Reduction Act grants for urban forests update- **No word yet.**

Jeff has been working on a grant with Morgan (state arborist). Awards range from \$5k to 15k
Part of grant may be used for tree inventory, education, tree planting, etc.

3. Arbor Day poster contest with Smithfield elementary schools- judges confirmed-

- **Winning posters for each school will be displayed at Health Days booth.**
- **Families will be invited to attend the Arbor Day tree planting at Forester Acres.**
- **Jennifer will check with the library to exhibit some of the posters.**
- **Winning posters will be projected on screen at the May 10th Council meeting and added to City website.**
- **Jeff has ribbons for the winners. We agreed to give \$10/winning poster for a total of \$120.**

4. May 13th Health Day booth-

- o Jeff has reserved booth space, will provide “corn hole” materials, table and plus tabling materials on trees and tree care. We bring own chairs
- o Jennifer and Kayo will create bookmarks with tree info. Jack will have printed at Square One.
- o QR code for Tree Committee web page,
- o Kayo will have coniferous tree ID activity, Jack will assist
- o Jack will have tree quiz activity with prizes- 10 bare root choke cherry trees and “tree cookies” for prizes.
- o Jeff will arrange tree planting for winning poster at Forester Acres

5. Deon encouraged the Summit Elementary principal at the chamber meeting to participate in the Arbor Day poster contest.

6. Our new tree care, what volunteer help is needed? Who is available to help? (Jack will check with Hayden Downs. **(Has since done so and Hayden welcomed help watering during summer heat)**

9. Other business **Hayden’s arborist certification dates and costs. (Jack has since met with Hayden who plans to continue his preparation for certification when things slow down- hopefully sometime in July. Jeff and Jennifer will be attending an arborist workshop 10-3 pm May 24 in Harriman.**