

## SMITHFIELD CITY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 02/17/26

Attending: Haley, Jack, Jeff, Mair, Nick, Todd Excused: Jennifer

**1. Discussion on the Health Days Arbor Day poster contest.** Jeff has distributed the Arbor Day poster rules to the teachers. Jack gave Jeff Kayo's Arbor Day theme artwork for the teachers. It will be placed in the library as well. Jeff will purchase trees for Arbor Day planting at Forrester Acres and work with City Arborist on where best to place the new tree.

Mair suggested we improve our Health Days booth exhibit. Jack will bring our booth materials for next meeting for an upgrade.

Jennifer has agreed to assist with judges for posters. Other committee members would like to attend judging.

Haley wondered why Sky View High School wasn't involved in the competition. It was decided at an earlier meeting that we didn't have the resources to add them in. Jack would like to revisit this possibility in the future. It would require buy-in by the art teachers, including funding for awards as virtually all of our budget is needed for the elementary school participants.

Jack mentioned the city library is hosting a Neighborhood Forest program during the week following Earth Day. Jack met with the head librarian and offered to assist with handing out trees for community participants.

**2. Discussion on certified arborist activity.** City arborist James Hunsaker has submitted a grant proposal to Tree Utah. He is very optimistic it will be approved for an award between \$1,500 - \$2,500, which would be used to purchase trees for our city parks. The Tree Committee may have a few hundred dollars and labor for the match if needed.

**3. Discussion on tree inventory for the Tree Management Plan.** Jeff will invite Chris Olsen to our next meeting where he will present on the city trees map he is working on.

**4. Discussion on municipal code Section 12.24.090 "Street Care And Maintenance".** Considerable discussion on needed changes, including moving definitions so they will appear earlier in the code. Tod made changes during our discussion for final approval.

**5. Other business:** The Committee approved Jennifer Clarke as an alternate committee member giving us five voting members which code allows.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2026