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MUNICIPAL TREE BOARD

A Subcommittee of the PARC (Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission)

The Barn at Frenchy's Field 2001 Agua Fria Street

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2017
5. Old Business
 - A. Tree Inventory Project
 - B. Tree Pest Report
 - C. Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission (PARC) update
 - D. New Board Member
6. New Business
 - A. Tree Pest Information sheet
 - B. Tree Tours
7. Comments from the Board
8. Public Comment
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10. Adjourn

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MUNICIPAL TREE BOARD
THE BARN AT FRENCHY'S FIELD
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**MUNICIPAL TREE BOARD
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017, 10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Municipal Tree Board was called to order by Chair Katherine O'Brien at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at The Barn at Frenchy's Field, 2001 Agua Fria Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Katherine O'Brien, Chair
Tracy Neal
Athena Beshur
Tom Dominguez
Vacancy

OTHERS PRESENT

Victor Lucero, IPM Manager
Mary Schruben
Gabby Rodriguez
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Dominguez, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Neal said on page 2 Carol Sutherland is the State Entomologist and on Page 7, the last paragraph it is the ash whitefly.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Ms. Beshur, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. TREE INVENTORY PROJECT

Ms. Beshur reported that things are going well. They had a special training on the 17th where they learned how to use a Planet Geo product. They had 12 volunteers from the Master Gardeners. It was very enjoyable. They finished Bicentennial Park. They went a lot faster with the new system. The State is going to give us their data and we are giving them our data for the park. We have also started Torreon and are close to finishing it. She will keep updating everyone as we move through the parks.

Chair O'Brien asked what methodology are we using to inventory.

Ms. Beshur said the app we used for the training was called Easy Trails which has GIS coordination. We are still collecting genus, species, condition percentage, pests, DBH and comments.

Mr. Neal asked are we doing anything on paper anymore.

Ms. Beshur said yes. We are using the sheets we used before with pests added.

Ms. Beshur said Jennifer Dann is using Tree Plotter. She is working on a project to inventory 200 trees from each County. She will then meet with Richard to potentially bring that software over here. They may be getting a grant from the State for that or Richard could procure it through the City.

Chair O'Brien said this is a City Subcommittee inventory project. The City would need to apply for the grant.

Ms. Beshur said she liked the program.

Ms. Schruben said liked it as well. It is easy to use. The only question was would the tablets work in all the parks with the WIFI.

Ms. Beshur said it worked fine that day.

Ms. Schruben said there is a possibility that the sustainable Santa Fe people may set up a joint city county authority who can accept grant funding. This program is on their list of things they would like to have.

Ms. Beshur said for our next inventories does anyone have any personnel ideas of a park they want done.

Chair O'Brien said we need to go off the list. The list was made with consideration of what the City needed.

Mr. Dominguez said he would like to introduce his guest, Gabby Rodriguez. She is an intern for Santa Fe County Extension. She grew up in La Puebla and is a junior at NMSU. We have 7 interns throughout the district.

B. TREE PEST REPORT

Chair O'Brien said Victor your report was wonderful.

Mr. Lucero's report is attached herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1".

Mr. Lucero reviewed the report and stated that this report will be on the IPM website. He specifically did not put on management strategies.

Mr. Neal asked can the trees not be treated.

Mr. Lucero said for City trees he would like to capitalize on opportunities to maximize sap flow so we can demonstrate damage prior to the trees leaking out. thHe will be looking at this and meeting with industry folks to see what recommendations they have as well as Colorado State University folks on systemic injections.

Mr. Neal asked if Azasol was used right now would you not have much control level.

Mr. Lucero said we would but would like to initiate a years worth of control. It should be initiated at bud break.

Mr. Lucero said this document can be shared with anyone.

Mr. Dominguez said in sharing it we may want to add drought and watering which is a precursor to these pests.

Mr. Neal said those kinds of comments could come in if this gets turned into something we release to the public.

Ms. Beshur said a fungus has come to her attention. Pine fungus.

Mr. Lucero said on pinon trees, juniper and blue spruce there can be a black stain fungus. He has never seen it. The literature says it exists in the Southwest but he has not seen it on City trees. He has seen cinara aphids causing sooty mold.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

Chair O'Brien said she went to the PARC meeting last Tuesday. It was fortunate that Victoria Bruneni had come to our meeting the previous month. She advocated for the document Victor created and for supporting the IPM Ordinance. PARC unanimously adopted the document. It will be posted on the website and will be pushed to the Mayor and City Council. It was a very lively discussion.

Mr. Neal said from PARC where does it go. Does it go to Council and the Mayor.

Chair O'Brien said she did not know if it is that automatic. It is the responsibility of the Parks Department now.

Mr. Lucero asked as the members look at his document did anyone find anything inaccurate. It can be edited.

Mr. Neal said he would like to see a clearer close picture of Elm Scale. That would be good.

Ms. Schruben asked did the hot line get set up.

Mr. Lucero said he gets phone calls.

Ms. Schruben said maybe you could list the locations of where the pests are.

Mr. Neal asked when doing inventories do you note which pests you find on which trees.

Ms. Beshur said yes, we note it.

Mr. Neal said you could take a separate sheet from the inventory sheet and email that to Victor with the information. That would be more direct.

Ms. Beshur said he will eventually receive Excel spread sheets from us but that would be quicker.

Mr. Dominguez asked what is the plan of attack. If there is a problem in the park are they addressing it.

Mr. Lucero said you could confirm the sighting of the pest and document the trees on City property that are affected. Then let Richard Thompson know and ask what is the best means of addressing that case.

Mr. Neal said people are going to want to know what is going on and how to deal with it. Keep the information specific.

Mr. Dominguez said you can add to your website to call the local County Extension Office. We have a hot line and have walk-ins who come into the office. Master Gardeners has hot line as well.

Chair O'Brien asked is the information you have there to address the pests listed in this report.

Mr. Dominguez said yes. We go through the causes of problems, tree health and other issues.

Chair O'Brien asked does extension service have employees available to identify pests.

Mr. Dominguez said yes. People bring samples to him. He does site visits all the time. He takes all calls and saves the site visits for one day. He does 5 or 6 site visits a week.

Mr. Neal asked if you run into something you can't identify do you notify Victor.

Mr. Dominguez said yes, he is his first point of contact. If not, he contacts Carol Sutherland. He has a couple of other sources as well.

Chair O'Brien said that is hopeful.

D. NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chair O'Brien asked if there was any new information on where we are with this. When Richard was here last month he mentioned that all the subcommittees are being reviewed and restructured so that the subcommittee members are all members of the overarching committee.

Chair O'Brien said she will seek that information from Richard and put this off for now.

Mr. Dominguez said regarding the restructuring, he would like to see all of us getting on the same page and working on some sort of plan where this Committee and PARC put together a short term or long-term plan to send up the chain.

Ms. Schruben said there is supposed to be another round of public meetings to review the Master Plan for Parks.

Mr. Dominguez will contact Mr. Carter to give him input into the Master Plan regarding trees.

Ms. Beshur agreed with that.

Mr. Neal said he has been on this Board for a long time. He almost quit due to the inactivity. He stayed to see if this new makeup of the Board would improve the situation. It is an exercise in frustration if we make recommendations and nothing gets enacted. If we see what needs to be done and we advise PARC and nothing happens.

Ms. Beshur said it seems we are moving in the right direction by following procedure.

Chair O'Brien said the meshing of the Committees will be better as well.

Ms. Beshur said she thinks recommending specific trees for specific parks such as Candelario Park would be a good thing. We could also be specific regarding location.

Mr. Lucero said maybe give GPS coordinates. The more specific the better.

Mr. Neal said this could be a natural outcome of the inventory process. He would want in our recommendations specifics about maintenance.

Ms. Schruben said this is a good time to do that for last season's inventories of the 6 parks. We could put that information in a formal report to PARC and from them to the Parks Department.

Mr. Dominguez said we need to go through a planning session with a facilitator to organize our thoughts and organize what we want to do.

Ms. Schruben said there is team hired by the City to oversee the process of developing the Parks Master Plan.

Chair O'Brien said Chris Ortiz one of our superintendents said they need specific recommendations.

Ms. Beshur said we could include our recommendations for trees in Cornell Park.

Chair O'Brien said we will continue to discuss this at our July meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. TREE PEST INFORMATION SHEET

Chair O'Brien said we have been charged to create an information sheet from Victor's report. This will be to distribute to the PARC Commission for Councilors and professionals. It needs to be one page and talk about taking care of trees and the pests that are now invading the trees. PARC is not meeting next month so we will present it to them in August.

Mr. Dominguez said we can put links to extension as well.

An outline was discussed such as: Santa Fe Trees in Peril. This is what you can do to help your trees. If you don't take care of your trees they become susceptible to these pests.

Mr. Neal said he would love to have an image of the Plaza as it is now and then one photo shopped with all the trees gone for comparison and to show what can happen.

Ms. Beshur said we want to talk about care, water, pests and a diversity of trees.

Chair O'Brien said we can work on developing this through email for discussion at our July meeting.

B. TREE TOURS

Chair O'Brien said this came up at the end of the PARC meeting. It is something to think about. Tour some of the tree problem areas. Public tree tours.

Ms. Beshur said we could do a van tour.

Chair O'Brien said we could do a park that has been inventoried.

Mr. Dominguez said he has a van we can use and he can get another van if needed and drivers. He is not sure about doing a public tour but he would like to see PARC and the Municipal Tree Board do it together with the Councilors.

Ms. Beshur said she liked that idea. Notice it.

Chair O'Brien said we would have to notice that as a meeting so we can all go.

It was decided to present this idea to PARC and if approved notice it and have all members of both entities attend as well as invite Councilors.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

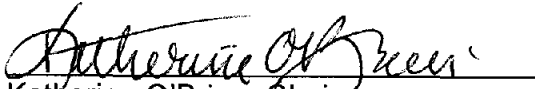
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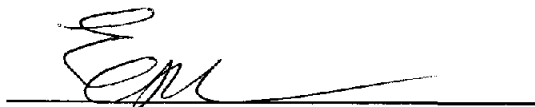
Mr. Lucero said he is working with a psyllid insect on ash trees. He is working with Dr. Sutherland to identify that. She is working on it to see if could be a potential pest.

9. NEXT MEETING, JULY 26, 2017

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.


Katherine O'Brien, Chair


Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer