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MUNICIPAL TREE BOARD  
SANTA FE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
3229 RODEO ROAD  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017, 10:00 AM**

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**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, March 22, 2017, at the Santa Fe County Extension Office, 3229 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Victor Lucero, Parks Department  
Mary Schruben  
Patricia Cardona  
Madeline Pryor  
Steve Vollstedt  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

Chair O'Brien said on page 2 it should say Chair O'Brien.

**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. PROGRAM**

**A. "RESILIENCY IN THE ARID URBAN FOREST"  
ATHENA BESHUR**

A presentation entitled "Resiliency In The Arid Urban Forest" was given by Ms. Athena Beshur. The link to her full report is as follows:

[www.sowsfe.com/news.Santa-Fe-Tree-Inventory-Report.shtml](http://www.sowsfe.com/news.Santa-Fe-Tree-Inventory-Report.shtml)

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. TREE INVENTORY PROJECT**

Ms. Beshur said we are going to start with Harvey Cornell Park/Rose Garden, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will work on that park over 2 days and completely finish it. The 22<sup>nd</sup> of April is also Earth Day.

Mr. Neal said we talked about this park last year and he still has the overlay from the City of the trees so you can use it to number them when you do the inventory.

Ms. Beshur said Mary is awesome as always in getting all those maps. Instead of having each person sign an individuals sheet this year we will have an indemnification sheet that everyone will sign. It will also be a record for volunteer hours.

Ms. Schruben said we need a complete list of who signed up for what dates.

Chair O'Brien said we won't talk about the whole picture on the inventories for this year so that we can get through the agenda. We have some people who have to leave early.

**B. TREE PEST HOTLINE**

Chair O'Brien said we had discussion on this item at our last meeting.

Mr. Lucero passed out a handout which is incorporated herewith into these minutes as Exhibit "1". On the City of Santa Fe Parks website there is an integrated

Pest Management link. If you click there you will see some information. This handout is under the section that says The Loop. He posted it recently. It is about the Pinon Needle Scale in Santa Fe. This is the sort of thing you will be able to glean from and comment on. It included local images and basic information on the biology of the pest and management strategies. This is the best way for him to disseminate information. He is working on making it more user friendly.

Chair O'Brien said the other part of what we wanted is management.

Mr. Lucero said there are management strategies included.

Mr. Neal asked are you going to make notes about when a particular pest was seen in Santa Fe and where.

Mr. Lucero said yes. It is his intent is to meet with the webmaster to put information on all of the pests on the site. As a result of our infestation of Pinon Needle Scale he will be working on an IPS trap to monitor the bark beetle. The beetle keys in on a dark structure. He will monitor them weekly. We are working in conjunction with a neighborhood association as well. This dovetails with the Pinon Needle Scale information on the web. We have no data on the IPS beetle in Santa Fe. We are trying to generate some data on them over time. He will also put up information on Slash Data.

Ms. Schruben said our ward has a bunch of very mature but healthy Pinions. That would be a great place to stick one of those traps They won't get disturbed.

Chair O'Brien said that is great Victor.

Ms. Beshur said you may want to contact Andy Graves who did his dissertation on IPS.

Mr. Lucero said he is speaking with him already.

Mr. Neal said the more information you can gather and make available to the public about pest activities in the City the better. It is most useful. How will this be advertised.

Mr. Lucero said he will post it on website and share it with Tom for his newsletter. He can put a link on the newsletter.

Chair O'Brien asked could we get it in the Master Gardeners newsletter.

Mr. Dominguez said he will do that.

Chair O'Brien said lets call the major landscaping companies and let them know

about it.

Mr. Lucero said he will send everyone a link that you can share.

Chair O'Brien said those of us in landscaping industry can send it out.

### **C. ARBOR DAY PROJECT**

Chair O'Brien asked are there any updates.

Mr. Lucero said he was instructed to let you know that Andrew Garcia, City Horticulturist, has recently planted 5 trees in the parks. Mr. Thompson will get some information out with respect to a formalized event.

Ms. Beshur said we discussed at last meeting about adding a tree to the Rose Garden as part of Arbor Day. She talked to Cindy Hoffman with the Rose Society. She said we don't need to wait until June 17<sup>th</sup> to plant it. We can plant it any time.

Chair O'Brien said we will email that out to the City.

Ms. Beshur said she said one tree died and was taken out.

Chair O'Brien said actually 2 were taken out. She and Tracy have talked about what kind of tree could go there.

Mr. Neal said he would like to see a Zocola Village Green.

### **D. ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL TREE BOARD VISION STATEMENT**

Chair O'Brien said Tracy came up with a Vision Statement at our last meeting. It is in the minutes from the last meeting. We need to remember that a vision statement is different from mission statement.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Beshur, to adopt the Vision Statement.

Ms. Beshur asked should a vision statement state what we already want to see in the present tense.

Chair O'Brien said assist is in present tense. Our emphasis is the urban forest.

Mr. Dominguez said he likes what this says. This Board gives advice.

Ms. Cardona said she thinks it should include how do you do it. Provide

information and data so that it gives you a sense of focus of where your value is. It can be modified later on.

Ms. Beshur said that is in our Mission Statement.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. COMMUNITY DAY**

Chair O'Brien handed out a flyer on Community Day. The City is hosting this event on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Fe Plaza. This is something for us to attend and be aware of and encourage people we know to attend. This event is good for the City.

Chair O'Brien said the City is also hosting an Easter Egg hunt on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Neal said we have talked earlier about the Parks Department Adopt-A-Park program. He has not seen it advertised so far. It seems like at Community Day, Parks should have a table and have a handout for that program.

Chair O'Brien said she is hoping the Master Gardeners Association and the Rose Society will be adopting Cornell Park.

Ms. Beshur said one of the things that people should know is that it is not about picking up poop. It is eyes on the park.

Ms. Cardona said Frenchy's Park has been adopted by a Rotary Club.

The details of what the Adopt-A-Park program entails was discussed.

Mr. Neal said the Adopt-A-Park program should include a sense of monitoring the parks and reporting back to the Parks Department.

Ms. Cardona asked what does monitoring parks involve.

Mr. Neal said some cities have programs where if people see dying trees for instance, there is a line to call the Parks Department to let them know.

Ms. Cardona said it would be nice to have a check list for people to know what to look for.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Dominguez, to

recommend to the PARC that they recommend to the City adding a check list for monitoring the parks and a phone number to report issues to the Adopt-A-Park materials.

Mr. Dominguez said can we come up with that list to ease the burden on the Parks Department.

Chair O'Brien asked Tracy and Athena to work on a check list with Victor's input. That check list will be presented to PARC along with the recommendation at their next meeting.

**VOTE**        The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **B.    NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Chair O'Brien said we are in need of one more Board member for this Board. Athena, you contacted Tony Delfino.

Ms. Beshur said yes and he said he was interested. He is a retired Cabinet Secretary of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources and a former State Forrester. Has anyone else found anyone with an interest. Most Tree Boards have a diversity of expertise.

Mr. Dominguez said every year we have 2 classes of 30 people each for Master Gardner interns. When you do your presentation Madam Chair, it would be good to mention there is space on the Board and your involvement with the Tree Board. He is looking as well.

Ms. Cardona asked are there any special areas of expertise that would be useful for the Board.

Ms. Beshur said grant writing and enthusiasm.

Mr. Dominguez said an open mind not their own agenda.

Chair O'Brien said and they need to be able to attend the monthly meetings and use email.

## **8.    COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Dominguez said he has been talking to Victor about putting together a short Tree Workshop or Tree Health Workshop. We are still brainstorming. He has Dr. Sutton coming and Dr. Ashley Bennet, an IPM specialist. Maybe a half day workshop on



what we are seeing. He is getting a lot of phone calls about pests. We are in the planning stage now. We will publicize the Tree Board as a sponsor. It will be in a couple of weeks from now in April, towards the end of week. Please send him your input on this. It will be a County Extension event with sponsorships of the City Parks and MTB.

Chair O'Brien said she will be out of town until April 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be a challenge to get landscapers to come because they are so busy at this time of year. She just wanted to warn him.

Mr. Dominguez said he already knows there is interest in coming.

Ms. Cardona said make sure she knows about the workshops.

Ms. Beshur said it is a good thing for her employees to come to.

Mr. Neal said tell Master Gardeners about it.

Mr. Dominguez said he will.

Mr. Neal asked are you going to cover orchard pests.

Mr. Dominguez said yes.

Chair O'Brien said excellent Tom.

Ms. Beshur said she wants to check on how would the Board would like to proceed with the tree identifier person for each inventory. If you could look at the list and tell her which Board member can be at each event that would be helpful.

Chair O'Brien said when we get firm dates and parks we can do that. Send out the information to us and we can sign up for it.

Ms. Beshur said we have firm dates and parks. The list was given out at our last meeting. The only change is that May 6<sup>th</sup> has been removed from the list. Before our next meeting we have April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am to noon and April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Both are for the Rose Park/Cornell Park.

Mr. Neal said he can do the 26th.

Chair O'Brien said she can do the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Beshur said thank you. We will just go month to month of scheduling the tree identifier.

Chair O'Brien said she attended PARC last night. The City is developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. At this point she does not feel the Tree Board needs to be involved. They are doing an inventory first of what is here. Then they will do a site analysis. We would like to be involved at that point.

Ms. Cardona said it is not only vegetation but also infrastructure. Physically impaired access issues and terracing. Think creatively about that and better use of the land.

Ms. Cardona said the Tree Board is very important on shading issues. That is a big component. That and looking at how you interface with the public.

Chair O'Brien said she did tune in to the Penn State Community Forestry and Green Infrastructure Webinar. They did a monitoring, not a tree inventory, with volunteers. There were some things we can apply to our tree inventories. In training volunteers, they brought photos of leaves that could be confused and also brought actual leaves from the park that they are monitoring for them to see. Also when they measure the DVH of multi trunk trees they said to put at what height the branching occurs. We should add that to our inventories.

Mr. Neal said thank you Patricia for coming.

Chair O'Brien said it was good to have you here.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**10. NEXT MEETING                      APRIL 26, 2017**

**11. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

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Katherine O'Brien, Chair



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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer