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MUNICIPAL TREE BOARD
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017, 10:00 AM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Municipal Tree Board was called to order by Katherine O'Brien, Chair, at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, April 26, 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
Athena Beshur
(Vacancy)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tracy Neal
Tom Dominguez, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Victor Lucero, Parks Department
Mary Schruben
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

A quorum was not present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A quorum was not present therefore no action was taken.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum was not present therefore no action was taken.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. TREE INVENTORY PROJECT

Ms. Beshur said our first session went really well. Bob Wood was involved as a tree identifier. Having a tree identifier is an aspect that is intimidating for volunteers. We have sign ups for all 27 dates that we have scheduled for inventories. People are really interested. There will be an abbreviated version of the Garden Fair on May 6th due to construction. She has gotten several calls from people who read the report she wrote and that was gratifying.

The only limiting factor for inventories is the tree identifier. We are hoping to finish Cornell Park tonight. One of the Master Gardeners is interested in GPS and will be working with us on that. To clarify the word co-leader, it was recommended that we use that term because of all the other Master Gardeners programs use that terminology. We talked with David Bar with the City and he is going to take our information and use it to put an additional layer on their GIS portal. This is a Citywide useful project. The additional layer will make it even more useful. It brings us into a whole other realm. We are now looking at value information. There is a Federal grant available that she sent to the City. It needs to go to an agency or a non profit. She talked to Tom Dominguez about having County Extension be the primary leader on this.

Chair O'Brien said we need to send an email to both Tom Dominguez and Richard Thompson on this.

Ms. Beshur said Master Gardeners will help with writing of the grant. The next step is having a meeting of interested partners. Hopefully we will have Integrated Pest Management, the river and watershed folks and the City as partners with Tom Dominguez as the primary partner. Richard Thompson is interested in being a supporting partner. The grant is due May 24th. Who would like to be on the organizing committee. She will check with the co-leaders to see when they are available and set a meeting date for the partnership meeting. We need to find out who our partners will be and have them tell us how they see the effort and what projects they would be interested in.

Ms. Schruben said she attend the PARC meeting and presented the information she had from Athena at that point. They would like the list of dates and which parks would be inventoried. Also James Stodgel, a PARC Commissioner, said he would like to have the name of the app you are using for the longitude and latitude program.

Ms. Beshur said the app is Easy Trails. We don't have the locations scheduled yet. The next 4 locations will be Bicentennial Park on Alto street. It will take us that long to do that park. She was printing out the map and would like to know how important the boundaries are really.

Mr. Lucero said the question really is if it is City owned land. The data is important so we can put the trees in outlying areas just past the park border in the inventory and then can add to or remove from if necessary. There will not be that many

trees in question. There may be some areas that are suspect of who they belong to. There are not a lot of those areas.

Chair O'Brien said Parks has to decide. We are basically doing inventories for their use.

Ms. Beshur said the Parks Department is not using the information for maintenance, they are looking at the condition.

Ms. Schruben said she understood from Richard Thompson that they are not using the data immediately.

Mr. Lucero said it has to be done for Tree City USA. He asked Ms. Beshur to send the data to him. We can use it to add potential pests. Our plan now, due to outside factors, is removal and replacement.

Ms. Schruben said at the PARC meeting it was announced that the City Finance Committee approved a 90 feet wide box culvert bridge for Ft. Marcy Park. The trees on both sides will be removed. About 14 trees are in that category. Also the Finance Committee approved the requested budget for Parks and Recreation and it will now move on to the City Council for approval.

Ms. Beshur said after Bicentennial Park she is not sure what parks will come next.

Mr. Lucero asked that Ms. Beshur forward to him the information on dates and parks.

Ms. Beshur said she will forward that information to him.

Ms. Schruben said it would be helpful to have that schedule with the parks to be inventoried slotted in. She may not be able to help as much this year as she has in the past, but all of the supplies and inventory boxes are available to Ms. Beshur for her use for the inventory.

Chair O'Brien said the PARC Commission has asked for the information showing dates for inventories and parks to be inventoried. She asked Ms. Beshur to send that information to her so that she can forward it on to Jessie Esparza for distribution to the PARC Chair and members.

B. PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

This report was included in the discussion under item A.

C. ARBOR DAY PROJECT

Chair O'Brien said we will have to postpone this item. We have no information on this.

Mr. Lucero said Andrew Garcia said he has trees to plant. He has no idea of plants or events.

Chair O'Brien said it is this Friday. Maybe we need to get with Richard Thompson to ask him to send out information on this. Last year they did plantings all week.

Mr. Lucero said they are planting some trees but he has no details regarding locations.

Chair O'Brien said she will try to glean some information on this and will pass it on.

D. PEST SYMPOSIUM

Mr. Lucero said he and Tom Dominguez are planning a workshop about pests on trees on May 11th at the Cooperative Extension offices. We will be including identifying pests, which trees they infest and methods of management of the pests.

Chair O'Brien said we are hoping to get landscapers there. We need to get a communication out to everyone with the date and time.

Mr. Lucero said Tom Dominguez is preparing a flyer to send out.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. TREE PEST UPDATE

Mr. Lucero said he brought examples of tree damage and pests for discussion. He reviewed the items he brought which included the following:

- Examples of European Elm Scale which is causing the decline of American Elms due to the high density of the pest.

- Kermesid Scale whose high densities are causing die back of oaks.

- Hawthorn Scale who prey on Hawthorn trees.

- Nantucket Pine Tip Moth. Pheramone tracking indicates a high number of emerging moths. They prey on the Ponderosa Pine trees.

Mr. Lucero said remove and replace is the management process being used now.

B. NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chair O'Brien said she sent out the resume of Tony Deline for consideration. Hopefully we can vote on him by email vote and take it to the PARC Commission for appointment at their next meeting.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

9. NEXT MEETING MAY 24, 2017

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11'45 am.

Katherine O'Brien, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer