SUMMARY OF ACTION
MUNICIPAL TREE BOARD
THE BARN AT FRENCHY'S FIELD
Wednesday, January 27, 2016

ITEM
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December 21, 2015
OLD BUSINESS
UPDATE ON URBAN FOREST POLICY
IN REGARD TO WATERING TREES
IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE
NEW BUSINESS
DISCUSSION ON OFFERING TRAINING
FOR THE NEXT SET OF VOLUNTEERS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PUBLIC COMMENT
DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
ADJOURN

PAGE
1
1
1
1

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
2-5
INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
5-11
INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
11
INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
11-12
INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
12
ADJOURN
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

A motion was made by Mr. Neel, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to approve the December 21, 2015
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Elizabeth Marlin, Chair
Alicia Desimone
Linda Shaffer, Chair
Victor Lucero, Parks Department
Mary Schnurbusch
Bob Wood, Water Conservation

OTHERS PRESENT

Tracy Neel
Kathleen O'Brien
Pattie Torres, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Tree Board was called to order by Chair Pattie Torres at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at the Barn at Frenchy's Field.

CALL TO ORDER

Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

2001 Aguja Fria Street
The Barn at Frenchy's Field
Municipal Tree Board
Mr. Neel said the Board needs to take a field trip in March to learn more about the Silver City and Tucson Water Department. He said he is excited to learn about the Water Harvesting Program and how it helps the city. He added that they have been working on a project called the Tucson Water Harvesting Program, which aims to educate people about water harvesting and how to use it in parks.

He also mentioned that Tucson is very knowledgeable about water harvesting and how to use it in their parks. They have even created a demonstration project to educate people about the benefits of water harvesting in some of their parks. He said they are planning to continue working on this project and hope to see it off and bring it to the Board.

Mr. Neel said there is a new policy in Albuquerque that says they have a policy on water harvesting and trees, which they believe will be important for the city. He said they plan to work on this policy and hope to see it implemented.

Ms. Obrien said that since Trees is next week, this is a good thing to explore. She added that they have been working on other projects, but they do not have a policy in Albuquerque.

Mr. Neel said he is excited to share these ideas with the Board and hopes to see these policies implemented in Tucson and other cities.

The discussion points that were brought up at the last meeting, he added, included the importance of trees and water harvesting.

Chair Torres said she began discussing the implementation of these policies at the last meeting. She handed out the discussion points that were brought up at the last meeting.
Mr. Wood said we did an initial survey of medians that could benefit from water harvesting. Ms. Shafter said there is a whole system with cushions.

Ms. Schnuder asked how do you get any harvesting off site that is beneficial to you.

Mr. Neel said there is a major water harvesting project in Rail Yard Park.

Different sorts of things. If you are working with storm water and utilizing it, that is completely down in what we're doing before construction. Permits are already constructed. You are allowed to construction is approved.

Chair Torres said there has to be a water harvesting plan in place before we have some trees to remove.

Mr. Schnuder asked if the land use code addresses that. Certain plans have to be assembled immediately.

Mr. Lugo asked what are the water rights for storm run off water. To begin with, someone should investigate that. It needs to be addressed immediately.

Mr. Neel asked could experimental trees be planted.

Yes. We have dying trees that need to come out. We have some trees to remove.

Mr. Schnuder said if you are looking for a park to audit, you might look at Rancho Sisquio. They are consistently over watering there.

Ms. Schnuder said it is similar to us to see what is hardy. It does not measure efficiency.

Mr. Wood said yes and no. It takes into account evaporation. As an active audit observations.

Ms. Schnuder asked does the OWL audit include rainwater and stormwater and snow and how efficiently it is used. That is what a really good audit does.

Mr. Neel said tracking how much water is used is different from how it is used.
Mr. Lucero said it is the Nantucket Pine Tip Moth. That is the one he found in the fall on the Ponderosa Pine trees.

Mr. Neal asked if that is the Zimmerman Pine Tip Moth.

Mr. Wood said yes.

Mr. Lucero asked for the borers.

Pheromone traps.

Mr. Wood asked has Parks been able to identify any funding for purchasing activity from the Honey Ash Borer and the Emerald Ash Borer

Mr. Neal said back to the stressed trees and pests, do you expect to see more.

Thanks Bob.

Mr. Neal said yes at the next meeting we can start to formulate the approach.

Chair Torres said we will have more discussion after all the information is received and we will discuss this more at next meeting.

Mr. Neal said he is thinking along those same lines. Part of our analysis of which trees to water should include what benefit they are providing. Mr. Bestor said she thought Bob made a good point about high interest plants that are providing shade. And that they should be in the discussion about winter watering. High interest plants are not using. We will also be offering GWEL training for them.
some of the Volunteer things. Initially it is critical for us to be present.
providing training and overseeing the training and overseeing the volunteers.
archiving. We take the role of creating the training and overseeing the
one facet. Hopefully other organizations will be in there as well. The Tree Board is over
Ms. Besthorn said we are the caretakers of the entire project. Master Gardener is
Mr. Neel asked how you see this Board interacting. What do we need to do.

Gardener. She will encourage volunteers and trainees to sign up.
the Tree invention on for a feature in the new newsletter as a project for Master
will sign up for what they want to participate in. She put the Municipal Tree Board and
Ms. Besthorn said yes, every project will have a board for volunteer sign up. They

Ms. O'Brien asked is March 19th for Master Gardener.

event where they will sign up volunteers.
responsible. She will help facilitate the first part of the program. March 19th is the first
Leader as well. They have all finished their Master Gardener training and are very
Ms. Besthorn said yes, one is Carol Dumont and she interested. She is a co-

Mr. Neel asked have the co-leaders been picked.

April or May. There are under them and then volunteers. She is telling people that train the trainers will be in
be under them and then volunteers. She is telling people that train the trainers will be in
would be at each event to facilitate the Master Gardener participation. Trainers would
have four co-leaders who are interested in the program. She sees that these co-leaders
Ms. Besthorn said the Master Gardener had a project meeting last weekend and

the invention. Training we would offer to the next set of volunteers who would be helping with the next
Chair Tormes said at our last meeting we talked about discussing what kind of

A Discussion on offering training for next set of volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wood said Chiricahua Ward years ago identified a New Mexico Pine Tip Moth.
Mr. Wood said you can look at the leaf and go through the key on your phone to identify the tree. If you have information is submitted and approved by the administrator you saying you can use this program to do an inventory and it will locate the tree and identify species.

Mr. Neal asked with this program that connects to these different aspects, are there several kinds of programs. This is version six.

Mr. Wood said yes. The I Tees Programs are free but take a lot of training.

Ms. Shaffer asked if it citizen driven.

Mr. Wood said he is going through a new training that will allow the inventories block signing in over the phone. It is an exciting program. You can even sign up for a specific pictures and send them in. It is a process. You can volunteer for the program by doing through smart phones. This is basically for neighborhood trees. They take inventory.

Mr. Wood said he is going through October to do the Inventories.

Ms. Builder said that would be great. We have June through the Expo.

Maybe get three dates lined up before the Expo.

Ms. O'Brien said maybe today we could think of dates and where we want to go.

Dates for volunteers. Volunteers don't have to be trained before the inventory.

Ms. Builder said she sees us as trainers of the trainers. Then we can set up Inventories.

Ms. O'Brien said maybe we could figure out some dates for training and days in.

Ms. Builder said that is not essential. For the Expo she is going to have a list of people that are interested. They can sign up on our website as well. We don't have to have specific dates. If we have dates that would be helpful. They want to get their thirty people that are interested. They can sign up on our website as well. We need the trainers. Some of the Rainyland Stewards are already. We need one trainer for every 3 people.

Ms. Shaffer said she sees those who got trained the first time as trainers. We and put something in our newsletter.

Ms. Shaffer asked if this open to the general public. Do you want us to advertise.
Mr. Wood said the most important thing is to have enthusiastic volunteers. Even if

enthusis. It does not have to be a very large group. We can limit the numbers

of people who have enough information to identify the trees and make reasonable

tree assessments. I don't think there is enough people who have that information to identify

the trees in a reasonable way. We need to do some sort of dedicated

technology training and we can incorporate your help and Parks to streamline the

inventory that he can help us identify. It sounds to hear that one of the training we do is

exactly about the inventory and he said he has some gadgets that will help with the

training.

The more they use this program the better trained they get on their own. There is no

take over a certain section. Those second views would be done by the administration.

Mr. Neel said the Tree Program is Cloud based. If the community adopts it you

will be nervous.

Chair Forrester said for the next meeting we need to come up with some dates for

her know.

Mr. Schneider said Rene is doing an inventory for data use and requirements. Let

personal to do. But at this time they do not have the computer space of dedicated

the module. We could find a way to get it into GIS and then into the Cloud based.

Mr. Wood said if there is interest. Just go to Google, then to I-Tree and download

May get some sort of gadgets to streamline that part of it

process what would be helpful for us. Maybe that is part of the training we do in April and

Now more volunteers we get and if we can somehow streamline that computer

Ms. Deshur said the more people we get the better. Last year was all paper.

then it gets posted.
Mr. Neal said he is not sure if we do park or technology this year.

Ms. O’Brien said she thought our emphasis was City parks.

They have a big area planted.

There are 1,000 trees. They are desperate for projects for their kids in the summer.

They have a work program to harvest mistletoe out of it.

Ms. Schuchard said another area where they can do an inventory of their own

Mr. Wood said the name of that park is Mark Breit Park.

deep lake moring last when it rains

established trees. It is in desperate need of maintenance. It becomes a six to eight foot

Simpson Road Park. It is on Richardson. It has both new trees, ten years old, and

Ms. Schuchard said she has two possibilities. Another park that would be easy is

Mr. Neal said it would be interesting to inventory your tiny park. Mary.

we could do more that would be great

of other large parks and use that as a starting point and then see if later in the season

Chair Torres said he would like to see us finish Raggle and maybe tackle a couple

Year.

Ms. O’Brien asked if it possible today to figure out what we want to inventory this

inventory done in a five year period.

Year we could offer a training for the public to inventory their own trees. We can get the

He better if we can get some done this year and get the module in place the following

should not feel overwhelmed with the technology side. The sooner we can get on board

version. She agrees it is a lot of data entry on the City end. Is a consideration. We

Ms. Deshur said for this year if this does not work out we can go with the paper

Mr. Wood said we can pull that information from Cloud and develop a GIS layer.

Mr. Neal asked does it have to be tied to the GIS system.

not released yet. We also have to have several administrators.

Mr. Wood said he can bring in and go through some of it. The final version is

next meeting.

Ms. Deshur asked would it be possible for you to guide the board on this at our

They just want to do one tree. There is training involved.
Mr. Wood said yes, as much as he knows. He will start with paper forms. We need to ask what is the purpose of the inventory, maintenance for parks or public employment.

"I would ask the committee if they could provide a demo on the phone inventory," Mr. Besnier asked.

Ms. Schneider said the Sustainable Santa Fe Committee subcommittee on the environment is headed by Commissioner Ray Holman. This is on their list of things to do. They are interested in knowing how to maximize trees for carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gases. They are going to do a demo on their inventory this year. Not only is it a process in the city where we train people to inventory and various groups can take part in training and do their own areas. We can start with paper this year. Not only do is it a good way to keep the inventory. The feeling but one of the things that the Free Board can do is take the inventory and do their own areas. We can do it. May 2nd, we can do it.

Ms. Neal said she is getting the feeling that one of the things that the Free Board can do is take their inventory and do their own areas.

Mr. Neal said we need to update the River Inventory. We have about 20% of the inventory three or four years ago. We need to do about the River Committee being one of the parks.

Chair Forbes said the suggestions that Richard give us increase from our parks, Regale. Mr. Neal asked Victor after you talk to Richard will you email us his priorities?

Keep up the landscape areas. Our priority is City parks. Ms. Schneider said the Homeowner Associations also have the responsibility to start thinking about their landscape or pocket parks and do their own. Chair Forbes said if we focus on larger parks as we get citizens involved they will cause frustration and we will accomplish nothing.

Ms. Schneider said now when we started this Richard's idea was to start with Regale Park. If Mary and the Regale Park, the Regale is done and we have started Regale. Ms. Schneider said when we started this Richard's idea was to start with Regale Park.

Chair Forbes said he agrees. If we start using technology and it is falling it will cause frustration and we will accomplish nothing.

Mr. Wood said keep the paper. You can always move to an Excel sheet.
Chair Force said yes.

Ms. Schubert asked at the Water History Park.

Chair Force said the 27th is good. Everyone agreed.

Mr. Neel said can we do February 27th.

There was discussion about possible dates.

Chair Force suggested that Saturdays would be good days.

Everyone thought that was a good idea.

and try to schedule three of your dates for the sign up. It is important
out in March meeting when we can find out what actual parks we are going to do this year.
We can set that date today and get people to be trained. How about in March. At
a hit.

Ms. O'Brien said we could have two or three teams for an hour or half an hour.

Chair Force said that is a good idea.

For leaves to emerge.

It is on Alamedas and Upper Canyon Road. We could get it done before we have to wait
Waterworks Park. It is a totally coniferous park. We could train the trainees there now.
Ms. O'Brien said she was walking along Upper Canyon Road and saw

Ms. Beshour said she likes the idea of making Arbor Day a jumping off point.

Chair Force asked do we want to set those dates now or at the next meeting

What about the idea of making Arbor Day a jumping off point.

balloons and party favors you need. It is on April 29th.

look at trees, learn to identify trees. We can plan on that now so you have all the
That might be an ideal time to roll out a program. We could say come see about trees.
Mr. Wood said he doesn't know what the events schedule is for Arbor Day yet.

The dates for training the trainees.

Ms. Beshour said the co-coordinators are going to help facilitate the connections such
as sign ups and sending out emails. She hopes they become trainees. First is setting

feels like first step is train the trainees.

Mr. Neel said in regard to training the trainees, we need to set dates for that. If
the Parks Department,

Chair Force said the first reason for inventory is for maintenance purposes for
Mr. Neal said he thought Arbor Day activities were initiated by the Parks about Arbor day activities and location.

Mr. Wood said he would like to add an item to the next meeting agenda. An Item

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. O'Brien said it is at the Alburqueque Crown Plaza.

Speaker.

Mr. Wood said yes, anyone. Go to the key note and the second day beginning.

Ms. Schrader asked are they amenable to someone who is not a professional.

Mr. Neal said he is going to the Think Trees conference.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Shaffer said send me your announcement Athena so she can use it in her newsletter.

Information to him that we need an image of this park for train the trainers.

Mr. Neal said when we inventoried the parks we had a design. Richland said he

Chair Torress said they are still working on it.

Railway Park Inventory. Last time she talked to him he was still entering data.

Ms. Shaffer asked does anyone know where we are with entering data from the

Mr. Neal said then we can do another training for budding treers.

Ms. O'Brien said all of us can think of people who could be trainers.

Mr. Neal said he was resolved that about twenty people would be a good number.

Training.

Chair Torress said February 27th, 11:00 am, we will have a train the trainer

Ms. Shaffer suggested 11:00 am.

There was a discussion about the time.
The meeting adjourned at 1:50 am.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Neel, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

Mr. Lucero will send out the details for the next meeting.