

## Urban Forest Board Minutes from August 2019 meeting

Meeting called to order at 1:08 by Chairman Bruce Schlaebitz . Other members present were Sharon, Phil and Charlie constituting a quorum. Staff present: Kathleen Humpa, JP Gallagher, Ed Randall.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved. The current financial report was also approved with only one check to Buxton nursery being cashed, leaving a balance of \$3715,62. (The \$\$\$ report to the BOD was sent out on August 13th).

Kathleen gave her report which included the status of the tree inventory which is mostly done. More data will be added and further analysis will be done by staff and the UFB. This document will aid us in planning for future plantings and maintenance.

A discussion of a fall planting took place and Kathleen had a list of about 20 street trees that need to be replaced. Other locations were discussed but this is dependent on available resources of money, time, and desired species.

The board expressed a desire to see additional grants to be applied for to increase our annual plantings above and beyond our usual tree mortality level. All ideas on where to search for money are welcome.

More discussion on tree grates and guards took place. Some grates need to be removed, some already have been, and some new ones have been installed, most notably across from the old City Hall.

Charlie and Phil removed a couple of broken tree boxes just above the Bonanza Freeze in July. Other issues on Montana Street persist from the Interstate off ramp (DOT), George St, & Arco property.

A discussion took place about the BOD using some of its available money to assist the YMCA in replacing five of its dead parking lot trees. A motion was made to assist in the amount of \$500 with the condition that they buy at least 2" caliper tree. This could be part of our fall planting effort, Charlie will firm up details with the Y management.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

Next meeting will be Sept 17th. 2019