

Sandpoint Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2011
City Hall Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 8:10 AM.

Present: Sharon Lewis (chair), Eileen Atkisson, Rich Del Carlo, Bill Lamson, Gail Lyster, Bob Wilson, City Forester Stephen Drinkard, Council Liaison Jamie Brunner

I. **Changes or Additions to Agenda** - Sharon moved to add a review of the committee's tree walkabout to the agenda. Voted and approved.

II. **Approval of Minutes** - September minutes were approved as written

III. **Old Business**

- A. *Fall Neighborwoods* - A new date, Oct 27 5:30pm, was set for the Neighborwoods participant meeting located in City Council room. Assignments for Neighborwoods flyer distribution were finalized. Sharon suggested that we carry Neighborwood applications along with the flyers.
- B. *City Code regarding Tree Committee* - Sharon suggested that the local certified arborists be informed of the city rules for protecting trees so they can more clearly follow procedures. Sharon said if an official form had been signed before the marina project the 100 yr old Elm tree may not have become such a problem. Stephen suggested that the tree committee help draft a letter to be distributed to local arborists. Jamie suggested using the newspaper to help educate community on the city's tree policies. Eileen noticed a provision that needs to be corrected, D of 7-15-5. Stephen would like to have this discussion added to the December agenda. Stephen wants to revisit this discussion during the December meeting. Sharon will add this on-going discussion to the December agenda.
- C. *Replacement of Town Square trees* - The city is going to rip up the cement surrounding the town square trees with their own equipment. This will happen asap. Stephen has located some 3-1/2" and 4" diameter trees in Bonners Ferry. 9-10 new trees will replace the stressed trees currently in the square. Green Spire Linden, Manacana Ash are the likely candidates. Rich Del Carlo suggested that Autumn Purple Ash and Chanteclear Pear could also be good choices. Stephen said 140 yards of new soil is required. The soil should be no more than 10% clay. Because of on-going drainage problems a drainage pipe will be installed. Bob Wilson suggested viewing the unhealthy trees as they are removed so we can learn from them. Stephen said if all goes well the trees could be replanted within two weeks. Stephen will email the tree committee members a list of available trees. Jamie suggests getting the word out about the tree replacement before the unhealthy trees are removed from the square and educating people on this project.

IV. **New Business**

- A. *September Tree Tour* - ran out of time, will be added to November agenda.

V. **Next Meeting Date** - Monday, November 21 at 8:00 am.