

SMITHFIELD CITY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING 11/01/22

Attending: Deon Hunsaker, Jack Greene, Jeff Barnes, Jennifer Clark, Kayo Robertson, Mair Murray, Carol Holland (invited guest)

1. Tree Inventory- Tree Management Plan for Tree City USA update- Jeff, Preston Colver- **New subdivisions-Village at Fox Meadows, Fox Meadows, Eastview Landing, Neighborhood Housing Solutions, Summit Creek Townhomes on North Main, Lantern Hills will be inventoried for new trees by the Tree Committee members. Complete by end of November and report to Jeff for the Tree City USA Report. Dead tree inventory is needed as well, including cemetery.**
 2. Review Requests to remove trees along city streets **No requests have been submitted.**
 3. New Tree care, water, mulch, sunburn, pruning. **Jack will check with Parks director on mulch delivery and sunscald protection. Kayo questioned what happened to the chipping machine the city once had. The critical need for adequate “deep” watering beyond what sprinklers provide was discussed.**
 4. Healthy tree tips to City Manager **Many excellent suggestions came forward on frequency, content, and graphics. A list of appropriate trees is needed based on size, location, drought tolerance, species diversity- especially for so many new residents continuing to stream in. various committee members will contribute the messages. A message should be ready to send out this month.**
 5. Inflation Reduction Act grants for urban forests **Jack will gather more information from our Regional USFS office.**
 6. Tree care training for city staff in January-February- Mair, Morgan, Amber. **Mair will be available in February. Jack will approach the City Manager to set a date based on availability of recommended trainers. Topics to include were discussed. Kayo questioned if research on trees for a warmer, dryer climate was available. Jeff hopes this will lead to Hayden becoming a certified arborist.**
 7. Other Business: Inactive board members- replace? **Jack will check with two committee members who haven't been attending are interested in continuing on. If not, he will recommend they be replaced by those who have more time to commit.**
- Jack will be meeting with arborist Preston Colver next Thursday, 1 pm November 10th at the city building- possibly in the conference room- will confirm. All are invited to attend.**
8. Next meeting January 3rd.

**THANKS TO ALL FOR AN EXCELLENT MEETING
- HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**