

**SMITHFIELD CITY TREE COMMITTEE MEETING 1/10/23**  
(Attending: Jack, Jeff, Jennifer, Mair Excused- Carole, Kayo)

1. Tree Inventory- Tree Management Plan for Tree City USA update- Tree Management Plan. **Inventory completed which allowed Jeff to complete and submit the Tree City USA report. The Management plan tree numbers and tree species is being updated, otherwise will remain as is- an excellent management plan otherwise.**
2. State Diversity Tree Grant and the Tree City USA. **Jeff has completed and submitted the Diversity Tree Grant. All that remains is sending a copy of the check used to purchase the trees to the state office. The city will receive a request from the state. We commended Jeff for his extensive work on completing these two extensive reports!**
3. Report on request to remove trees along city streets. **Jack has consummated the request process with the resident and submitted the form to the city recorder.**
4. Inflation Reduction Act grants for urban forests update. **Jack contacted the person in the US Forest Service who is tracking the IRA distribution and will alert Jack once the funds arrive sometime this spring. Urban forest infrastructure is a grant category. Jeff suggested we consider funding for a stump grinder, and Jack mentioned Kayo's wish for a chipper.**
5. Tree care training for city staff in February-March. Set date with City Manager. **The City Manager will be offering some dates for training so we can begin recruiting tree care experts to provide training. We suggest it be a half day training to cover what's needed in an effective manner including pruning, insect/disease, use of pesticides, insect & disease, watering and fertilizing, etc. We have several Valley professionals in mind.**
6. City Parks director meeting with Preston Colver for arborist certification resources. **Jack has delivered contact information for Preston Colver to the City Manager who will be arranging a meeting for Preston and Hayden.**
7. Arbor Day poster contest with Smithfield elementary schools- need subcommittee. **We edited the excellent contest requirements Jeff and others had created based on the Arbor Day rules. A procedure for gaining permission to exhibit the winners from our 3 elementary schools was agreed on. Jeff will be meeting with his teacher contacts to deliver the contest rules. Winners will be recognized at the Health Days fair. It was suggested their posters be exhibited in our library and city website. Jack will prepare an Arbor Day activity packet for teachers as well. A tree will be planted by winning students at Forester Acres during the Health Days event. We will ask the school administrators if they would like to have a tree to plant on their school grounds as well. The school would be**

**responsible for planting with some direction and assistance from the Tree Committee.**

**8. Other business. Mayor Monson has requested that our committee create a list of drought tolerant plants for the new development city owned roadside strips, which we will embark on.**

**9. Next meeting February 7th**