

## Tree Board Minutes for February 8, 2010

A quorum was established at 4:00 p.m. and Joe, as Chair, opened the meeting. Others in attendance were Leonard, Norma, Bob, Bill and Kathy. Joy represented City Council, Mariah represented the AmeriCorps and Judy recorded our minutes. The agenda was approved, as were the January 13<sup>th</sup> minutes as sent by email.

### 1. Old Business

- Mariah showed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade posters – with their top four pick. We chose top one to mail on to state. Joe gave AmeriCorps some box tops + Campbell's labels (turn in at school till end of February). She confirmed that they still wanted us in April for a camping theme Literacy Night.
- We congratulated Kathy for being given Honor Citizen of 2009 by the Women's Club at the Chamber Banquet, read the application form and gave Kathy a copy.
- Joe signed our Community Foundation Grant application this afternoon. Should be in the mail tomorrow.

### 2. New Business

- A. Election of Tree Board officers for 2010 - with great reluctance Joe agreed to another year (with Norma in training for 2011). Kathy will serve as Vice Chair and Judy as Secretary.
- B. Bill will give an Arbor Day update after the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting
- C. Winter Projects :
  - Susan said the Landscape Ordinance changes will be discussed in the April meeting of the Entiat Planning Commission. Members need to look over our proposed changes and reread our Tree Standards manual. Discussion at our March meeting.
  - PUD/Park Board – Susan suggested a joint meeting in future. Bob and Bill gave information about their tree inspection walk through the parks to recommend keeping certain trees. They predict that about 60% of the present trees will be removed with another 5% as more is known about building placement. They suggest thinning about one half of the sycamores and most all of the black

locusts. They intend to nail a metal marker on trees to be removed as the actual beginning date for renovation is years in the future. They felt the park had some good firs and pines. They questioned how the riparian river bank area will be handled – cleared and replanted or to remain as is? Norma asked for some flowering trees. Judy will check with museum about their trees.

- Link bus extension planning/new sidewalk planting stretch – still working on design/coordination with Bob W. Joe measured and found area was 420' long. If we planted 20' from each end (roundabout at southern end) at 20' between trees, we would need 21 trees. Kathy questioned if that would eventually be too close (thinks maples are crowded). We will need to discuss type, size and purchasing with city (Keith has estimated number).
- Kiwanis Park tree ideas – still planning on three to five areas, with berm, rocks, paths as a design and mixed trees in each grouping (pines are still standing). Norma again asked for flowering trees.

### 3. Member Reports/Comments

- Bill – wondered about present park memorials during renovation process (PUD promised restoration if moved)
- Kathy – nothing to add (great to see her looking so well)
- Leonard – nothing to add
- Bob – 1 – brought small tree identification booklet and possible online purchases (turned over to Judy) 2 – asked about getting to work on irrigation project (bid and cost information to Bob W.)
- Norma – nothing to add
- Marie – absent
- Joy – has talked to Keith about need for trash cans by sidewalks, bus stops etc.
- Joe – talked about eating at Mom's Kitchen like Bob

### 4. Adjourned meeting at 5:15 p.m.

P.S. Next meeting should be on March 9<sup>th</sup> – same time & place