

*TREE BOARD MINUTES for Tuesday, 7-12 -11*

The meeting was held in a warm City Council Chambers at 4:00 p.m.

1. A quorum was established by 4:00 p.m., so Joe, as chairperson, opened the meeting. Other members present included Bob, Kathy, Norma, Leonard and Cheri. Bill represented City Council, Caitlin and Heather represented AmeriCorps, while Judy recorded these minutes. The May 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as sent by email.
2. Guest Susan Dretke from Cascadia Conservation District spoke about “Entiat River Appreciation 2011” on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Tree Board members volunteered to help with set-up, registration, T-shirts, give-a-ways etc. Susan will be in charge at Entiaqua Park and Phylisha at the Fishery. Volunteers should be at the river park by 8:30 a.m.
3. Caitlin and Heather reported their last day with the 2010-11 AmeriCorps is this Friday. Their advisor next school year will be 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Amelia Rebel. They announced that they received a \$500 book grant for next year, but still could use donations. Heather should be back this next fall and Caitlin hopes to be. We did enjoy working with AmeriCorps this past year.
4. Bill announced City Council has been busy. The city did receive the big grants for the entry way road to the new waterfront, a partial trail along the river and a public restroom. Now the city is searching for matching funds. The Big Toy Building is “all but signed” sold to the old mill equipment retro-fitting company and a large warehouse has been purchased by a wine bottling company. All positive news.
5. Old Business
  - Rehashing City sites upkeep (Tree Board help accepted and City responsibility) – Tree Board members are aging and keeping healthy has been tricky. As an “advisory” board, members made a few observations (when they walked & worked around the city).
    1. Have not seen flags to indicate spraying, but have seen “mites” etc in shrubs in Streetscape – can it be done again?

2. Water has been turned off in some Streetscape sections – please check – some tree stress seen
  3. Some dead trees around City hall – check irrigation batteries?
  4. Kwanzan Cherry has extension damage (cold) will need replacing in the future – Cheri trying to propagate
  5. The tree in the planter farthest south in Kiwanis Park has a loose root ball – water not being absorbed well, reset?
  6. We have had hard winds and the trees in Kiwanis Park need re-staking (Bob, Warren and Joe will set a time)
  7. Maintenance is a stumbling block for the city, so members are considering no big projects at this time – just replanting
- City Tour/BBQ went well, Community Foundation grant ended with the city receiving full funding, and 2010 tree inventory into the official City Hall records put off until fall.
  - Bob reported that the low Oregon grape we purchased through Cascadia had dried too much. He watered and dug it in, but looks dead. Cheri said it is a “weed” and may come back next spring. The two Noble Firs (for replanting the USDA memorial site) are doing well at Bob’s. By this fall we need to decide with city where they should go.
  - The Tree Board thanks Mike for the bark mulch on the site continuing the small tree and grass area extending Link frontage along 97A. Still willing to add shrubs on bank – O.K. for fall?
  - Kathy and Judy reported good information was learned at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Foundation nonprofit institute. Summerfest/David Thompson Brigade involvement was discussed - included volunteer shortage – community organization.

## 5. New Business

- Discussed Pocket Park naming input requested by the City – informational attachments were sent in separate emails to board members. The naming process this first time seemed confusing to members. Other names they talked about were Entiat Lake

Overlook, Shorty Long and keeping it Pocket Park, but as there was no name choice just a “yes“or “no” on proposed name of Abby Dabby members were polled. We had five members for and one against (he liked Pocket Park better).

- Tree Board still has one opening (7 member board) and has operated with missing member since Marie withdrew. Warren expressed interest in joining and has been helpful with projects worked on this year. We told him process to become a member – written request.
- The Women’s Club was considering \$15.00 Rummage booths on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>. When asked if this should be a Tree Board money raiser; members declined to obligate themselves for that long of a period of time at that time of year.

#### Member Reports/Comments

Cheri – asked Joe to look into spray (time frame, re-spray mites)

Stated Holiday Bazaar meeting to be at Grange 6:30 p.m. 7/13/11

Kathy – Handed out an excellent Arbor Day Summation report.

Leonard – Nothing to add

Bob – can we take out damaged Streetscape trees (now)?

Norma – began weeding her place after surgery – doing well

Judy - Chelan Mirror is offering a different contact system

Fire Interp. Center still needs folks to man it

Time sheets should be updated with your work times

Any others – Warren reported uneven sprinkling at Pocket Park, with some parts of the lawn dying. Picnic table moved out of shelter

Joe – attended a Shoreline Management meeting in June, still being worked on with nothing final at this point

Joe adjourned the long meeting at 5:40 p.m. Our next meeting will be on September 13th at 4:00 p.m. in the Pocket Park shelter (meeting/share a Potluck).