



Urban Forestry Committee Meeting  
February 8th, 2022  
West Fargo City Hall - West Fargo Room

Members Present: Dave Schacher, Dave Janssen, Mike Opat, Mary Beth Odegaard, Barry Johnson

Others Present: Chad Zander

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM

Dave Schacher made a motion to approve the minutes from November 9th, 2021. Dave Janssen seconded the motion, motion carried.

The first item of old business was an update on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), Chad Zander gave the update. Chad noted that he had no new news to share. No new counties in Minnesota and nothing yet in North Dakota. Also discussed was the cold and the effect it may have on EAB and it spreading. Chad mentioned the city will participate in Emerald Ash Borer Awareness week this spring and will help the ND Department of Agriculture with their trapping.

The next item of old business was the 2021 Annual Report. The report had been previously distributed digitally to members of the committee for review, Chad handed out hard copies. A short discussion about the tree inventory took place, in which species diversity in subdivisions was discussed.

The next item of old business was the tree permit update. Chad handed out the current list, as well as Fargo and Moorhead's boulevard tree lists. A discussion about the different species on those lists was had. Several new trees will be added to West Fargo's list. Chad will update the list as well as work on tree species factsheets.

The next item of old business was the specifications and standards. Chad handed out the newest specifications. Chad noted that the specifications were the standard ISA spec. that is used. These will be the new city specifications for tree planting.

The next item of old business was website updates. Chad gave the update. Chad noted that the tree species identifier tool was added to the website for residents. They can now enter their address and identify the boulevard trees adjacent to it, and around them. Chad also noted that the community orchard page has been updated to include the newest orchard locations and the fruit at each. Chad is working with the communications department on several other updates as well, including putting the agendas and minutes on the website.

The next item on the agenda was grant updates. Chad noted that the city will apply for both grants again this year, a tree planting and program development grant. Those grants will be released, by the forest service, in the next couple months.

The first item of new business was the community orchards for 2022. Chad handed out location maps for the two new orchards. A short discussion was had about adding some small fruit/raspberries to several orchards.

The next item of new business was the Main Ave. Planting Project. Chad handed out the planting plan and noted the project was moving forward with a planned spring planting. The project includes 276 trees planted on west Main Ave. and will be funded out of the Capital Improvement Plan.

The next item of new business was Arbor Day 2022. Chad noted that the Arbor Day would be back at the regular date. The Friday after cleanup week, so Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is the tentative date set for the 2022 Arbor Day Celebration. After a short discussion Dave Janssen made a motion to honor Sandy Ostlund for the arbor day. Barry Johnson seconded the motion. Chad will reach out and make contact.

The next item of new business was the 2022 Pruning Project. Chad handed out the specification and locations for the project and noted it will be done this spring.

The next meeting will be April 12th, 2022.

Mike Opat made a motion to adjourn, Barry Johnson seconded. Meeting was adjourned.