
EDMONDS CITIZENS' TREE BOARD

Meeting Notes

March 3, 2016

The Edmonds Citizens' Tree Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Steve Hatzenbeler in the council chambers' Jury Room, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds, WA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Hatzenbeler, Chair
Barbara Chase
Barbara Durr
Albert (Jed) Marshall
Renee Travis (alternate)
Doug Petersen

STAFF PRESENT

Kernen Lien

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Crane Stavig

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Diane Buckshnis – City Council liaison

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hatzenbeler called the meeting to order at 6:00.

2. **ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Doug Petersen, new Tree Board member was introduced

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

All approved

4. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no guests

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES**

Barbara Chase will send February and March meeting notes to members for review. No meeting notes were available to review this meeting.

6. **Kernen Lien , City staff member reported on the Critical Areas Ordinance.**

Tree Board is interested in tree-related issues in the CAO. Kernen said that there are allowed activities such as removing hazardous trees. Removing alders may be allowed. There may be changes to size of trees. Native vegetation plan is part of the critical areas. The plan should be done by June to avoid losing funding.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

2016 events calendar

- a. Barb Durr discussed the May 5 event with Cass Turnbull. Her topic will be **The Seven Myths of Site Selection and Care of Trees.** There will be refreshments. Tree related handouts including our October 15 Arbor Day event will be available. The budget is \$450. Crane Stavig will help Barb Durr. Barb D gave members a list of different areas of publicity to be done in late March.

- b. October 15 will be our major Arbor Day/Tree City USA event. Event Chair, Jed Marshall will meet with Rich Lindsay to start planning discussions.
- c. There was no report on the 5th Ave. tree replacement (contact is Steve) or information table at the market (contact is Barb Chase)

Other old business:

- a. Cornus mas tree will be featured in My Edmonds News. Doug Petersen is interested in helping with tree articles.
- b. Barbara also reported that the Heritage Tree program is not feasible to pursue at this time, but possibly a tree walk brochure similar to what City of Snohomish has done will be a good future project.
- c. Micki McNaughton, Special Project Manager, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, will talk to some tree board members on March 25. She has information about tree related programs throughout the state.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Tree projects:** Barbara Durr reported on possible tree projects. Edmonds School District is interested in a school project. Arborist and school rep will meet.
- b. **Mayor's Edmonds Climate Protection Committee**
Jed Marshall and Barbara Durr attended the March meeting. Steve Fisher, the city recycling expert is on committee. Zero waste is a goal. Rain gardens are an important goal.
- c. **Tree Board annual report:** Chair Steve will present at City Council in March (date to be finalized). He will talk about numerous topics including budget, the need for more staff involvement and ideas for the Urban Forestry Management plan. Barbara Chase will give brief rundown on 2016 events.
- d. **Tree City USA** Board members received a copy of the 2015 Tree City USA application. The city exceeded the goal for money spent on tree related projects.
- e. **New board members** Tree Board welcomed Doug Petersen. Kimberly Bailey will be confirmed and attend April meeting.

9. TREE BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

- a. Diane Buckshnis, City Council liaison, commented on importance of enjoyable events. Adopt a Park may be a future project.
- b. Steve Hatzenbeler offered his services to make it easier to use the Tree Board site.

ADJOURNMENT

The Edmonds Citizens' Tree Board adjourned at 8:00.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 pm., Council Chambers

Minutes submitted by Barbara Chase, Secretary