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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

January 12, 2007 * * * * * 12:00 PM * * * * * Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Members Present: Mark Koffer, Earleen Peterson, David Mead, Tony Brand, Brian Winn and Bill Manker

Members Absent: None

Non-Voting Member Present: Dave Kiesig

Council Present: Dave E. Johnson

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer and Kris Haney

Guest: Mary Inman, incoming Tree Commission Member

MINUTES

Chairperson Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm.

David Mead made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2006 meeting. Tony Brand seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item #1 Tree of the Month

Dennis Bowyer gave the Tree of the Month presentation on the Kentucky Coffee Tree. This tree is listed as a suggested tree for our area in the Tree Selection Guidebook. There are several of these trees on the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) campus. It is a large tree, growing to heights of 75'. It has slow to moderate growth and is drought resistant. It was the 2006 Urban Tree of the Year in ArborAge magazine.

Tony Brand will do the next Tree of the Month presentation for February.

Item #2 Election of Officers

Tony Brand made a motion to elect Mark Koffer as Chairperson of the Twin Falls Tree Commission for 2007. David Mead seconded the motion. Mark indicated that he was willing to serve in that capacity. The vote was unanimous.

David Mead moved that Tony Brand be elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Twin Falls Tree Commission for 2007. Bill Manker seconded the motion. Tony indicated that he was willing to serve in that capacity. The vote was unanimous.

Item #3 Home & Garden Show

The annual Home & Garden Show at the CSI Expo Center will be held February 16, 17 & 18, 2007. The Commission discussed having a booth again, and it was agreed that it is a good community education forum. Dave Wright of Kimberly Nurseries has given the Commission a corner in his exhibit again and Dennis Bowyer invited any who wanted to help set up to be at the Expo Center on Thursday, February 15 at 4:00 pm. David Kiesig will have the display board from the Idaho Department of Lands at the show. Dave will take down the display on Sunday, February 18 at 5:00 pm. Members were invited to help with take down as well.

Item #4 Old & New Business

Old Business

The commission discussed a hazard tree at 1723 2nd Ave E. Brian Winn made a motion to send a letter to the property owner directing them to remove the tree. Bill Manker seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Dennis Bowyer will send the letter.

One application has been received for the Tree Enhancement Program. Staff will send out a public service announcement, and put a message on the monthly water bills. Dave Johnson was asked to announce the program at City Council meetings. It was also suggested that information on the program be distributed at the Home & Garden Show at CSI. It will be posted on the City's website as well.

The question was asked if City Employees could apply for the program and all Commission members agreed that they could.

Tree Removal Requests: Dave Kiesig checked the trees at 355 6th Ave E and approved their removal since they are all rotten. The letter from the property owners insurance will not be required. The property owner will be required to replant three new trees in the side yard and one in the front yard.

A request to remove an ash tree at 243 Taylor St was received last month, but the property owner still has not obtained the Tree Permit.

The proprietor of the Windrider Bar contacted Dennis Bowyer and said she has the trees trimmed every year in that manner. Dave Kiesig said it was done in a practice called pollarding. If this is done each and every year it is acceptable but if a year is missed it damages the tree.

New Business

Tree Removal Requests: no new requests were received.

The Commission discussed a memorial tree for Amber Cardenas, a former Tree Commission member, who passed away in December. It was suggested that one tree planted at the Arbor Day Celebration be dedicated to her. A Sunburst Locust was suggested.

Dennis Bowyer discussed some changes in Staff duties. He will continue to attend Tree Commission meetings in 2007 and will have Todd Andersen, Parks & Recreation Lead Worker, attend as well.

Eventually, Todd will take over Dennis' position as staff liaison for the commission. Another Lead Worker on staff, Kevin Skelton, is an ISA Certified Arborist and will be assisting the Commission with technical issues.

David Mead passed around several articles to Commission members.

Dave Kiesig had several items to discuss with the group:

He announced to the group that he has full sets of the Tree City USA Bulletins (Set of 48) for \$25.00.

The annual Horticulture Show is in Boise January 17, 18 & 19, 2007. There will be a special presentation on the iTree program and encouraged members to attend.

He announced that Idaho Department of Lands is working on statewide tree planting guidelines, and that grant monies have been cut at the Federal level and will affect future grants.

He reported that the CSI Horticulture Club is seeking help from the Commission with their annual pruning day program. Tony Brand made a motion to support the CSI Horticulture Club with their pruning day by helping distributing information on the event. David Mead seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Dave Kiesig will get commission members the information to pass out.

Dave also passed out a nice tree book to all Commission members.

Item # 5 What Have You Seen?

David Mead reported seeing topping around town but not on the rights-of-way.

Mary Inman reported seeing lots of sidewalks heaved up. The group was reminded that these situations are the property owners' responsibility to repair.

Brian Winn reported on the contorted condition of the trees on the north side of the Fred Meyer property. The trees are on private property.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held Friday, February 9, 2007 in the Conference Room at the Parks & Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Avenue.

Kris Haney
Parks & Recreation Secretary

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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

February 9, 2007 * * * * * 12:00 PM * * * * * Parks & Recreation Conference Room

- Members Present:** **Earleen Peterson, David Mead, Tony Brand, Brian Winn and Bill Manker**
- Members Absent:** **Mark Koffer**
- Non-Voting Member Present:** **Dave Kiesig**
- Council Present:** **Dave E. Johnson**
- Staff Present:** **Dennis Bowyer and Kris Haney**
- Guest:** **Mary Inman, incoming Tree Commission Member**
James Gose-Eells, Twin Falls County Parks & Waterways

MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Tony Brand called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

David Mead made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2007 meeting. Brian Winn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item #1 Tree of the Month

Tony Brand gave the Tree of the Month presentation on the Horsechestnut Tree. He enjoys a Horsechestnut Tree in his yard. They need lots of space to grow and they have beautiful white flowers in the spring. The Horsechestnut Tree is listed in the Tree Selection Guidebook as a recommended tree for our area.

Assignments were given for the Tree of the Month presentations: March. – Brian Winn; April – Bill Manker; May – Mary Inman.

Item #2 Tree Enhancement Program

Nine qualifying applications have been received for the Tree Enhancement Program. Many other inquiries have come into the office and are being recorded for future reference.

The program will be promoted at the Home & Garden Show at the College of Southern Idaho February 16, 17 & 18, and a message will go out on the City water bills advertising the program as well.

The Commission discussed how to evaluate and rate the applications. It was decided to distribute the application addresses between the members and have them to a site visit and rate the applications based on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being highly recommended. Staff will send out the assignments and Commission members will report at the March meeting.

Dave Kiesig said he has criteria he has his horticulture student's use when they evaluate landscaping for the Parade of Homes and he will send that to staff for the groups' review.

Item #3 Arbor Day

Our local Arbor Day celebration for 2007 will April 27th. The Commission discussed several possible locations for the event. Members were asked to take a look at Vista Bonita, Cascade and Harmon Parks as potential sites. All agreed to invite the kids from the Boys & Girls Club to participate in the celebration. Dennis will check with Don Hall, director of the Club.

Item #4 Old & New Business

Old Business

Dennis Bowyer reported on the meeting he had with Earleen Peterson and Tony Brand, and their efforts to put together specifications for the intern program. Gerry Bates, Idaho Community Forester with the Idaho Department of Lands, reviewed the requirements and gave his approval. Dennis will send out the information to area ISA Certified Arborists, as the program will require a consultant and also send out the intern information to universities in Idaho. Dave Kiesig reported that he has a potential candidate that was a former student at CSI and is now at University of Idaho.

Tree Removal Requests: Dennis gave permission to the property owners at 291 Borah Avenue East and 176 Fillmore Street to remove the trees as requested.

New Business

The group discussed heaved sidewalks around town.

Dave Kiesig reported that he had a copy of the iTree inventory software program and that it has some problems and probably wouldn't be a good investment at this time. The company is trying to correct some of the glitches.

He passed around a brochure from the City of Boise for the group to use as a future reference. He reminded the group of the Home & Garden Show set up and take down, Agri-Action at CSI February 23rd,

24th, and 25th and the Community Tree Workshop put on by the CSI Horticulture Club students. The group suggested that the Horticulture Club have flyers for this event for the Home & Garden Show.

Tree Removal Requests: No new requests were received.

Item # 5 What Have You Seen?

Nothing was reported.

David Mead took a few minutes to make some closing remarks to the Tree Commission. He thanked staff for their work and suggested that the Commission members need to use staff and their resources, and encouraged members to keep enforcing the Tree Ordinance, keep moving requests through, make inspections and learn where the rights-of-way are around town. He also encouraged good attendance and appointed a public relations person for the commission. He said he will always be available to help and appreciated being able to serve for 7 years on the Twin Falls Tree Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held Friday, March 9, 2007 in the Conference Room at the Parks & Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Avenue.

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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

March 9, 2007 * * * * * 12:00 PM * * * * * Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Members Present: **Earleen Peterson, Mary Inman, Mark Koffer, Tony Brand, Brian Winn and Bill Manker**

Members Absent: **None**

Non-Voting Member Present: **Dave Kiesig**

Council Present: **Dave E. Johnson**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer, Kris Haney, Todd Andersen, and Kevin Skelton**

Guest: **James Gose-Eells, Twin Falls County Parks & Waterways
Dave Kiesig – College of Southern Idaho**

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2007 meeting. Brian Winn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item #1 Tree of the Month

Brian Winn gave the Tree of the Month presentation on the Sensation Maple Tree. This tree was developed by an Idaho nurseryman. It has a compound leaf, grayish-brown bark, and grows quickly with moderate water needs and is tolerant of soil conditions. It is best known for its beautiful fall foliage, with colors of yellow, orange and red all at the same time. This tree is recommended for our area in the Tree Selection Guidebook.

The Tree of the Month presentations for April will be given by Bill Manker.

Item #2 Tree Enhancement Program - Commission

The Commission reviewed and discussed the eleven qualifying applications for the Tree Enhancement Program. The final group of pending application approvals is listed below:

1. 176 Fillmore St	6. 352 5 th Ave N
2. 266 Fillmore St	7. 245 6 th Ave N
3. 168 Pierce St	8. 119 10 th Ave N
4. 286 Polk St	9. 528 5 th Ave E
5. 351 Polk St	10. 427 6 th Ave E

Everyone was asked to drive by and review 245 6th Ave N, as there were questions on if they had room for any trees in the front yard, and get their evaluations back to Dennis Bowyer as soon as possible. Dennis will contact the property owners and arrange for the planting of the trees.

Bill Manker will coordinate with the property owners to contact Dig Line before the trees are planted.

Item #3 Arbor Day

After discussion, the Commission decided to hold the 2007 Arbor Day Celebration at Vista Bonita Park on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 4:00 pm. Four to six trees will be planted. Dennis Bowyer is applying for the \$150 grant from the Idaho Department of Lands, and other trees may be donated.

Former commission member, David Mead will coordinate participation in the event with the Twin Falls High School Key Club. The Boys & Girls Club of Twin Falls will also participate and assist with the plantings. The Mayor is scheduled to attend and read the Arbor Day Proclamation. Staff will prepare the sites for the trees to be planted.

Item #4 Old & New Business

Old Business

The Commission discussed sidewalk repairs. There is nothing in the current Tree Ordinance that requires a homeowner to fix heaved sidewalks. Those repairs are the homeowner's responsibility. The group discussed developing a tree replacement program for homeowners that fix their sidewalks. This issue will continue to be discussed.

New Business

Tree Removal Requests:

A tree in the City's right-of-way was removed at 161 8th Ave N without a permit. Dennis Bowyer will send a letter to the resident and notify them of the ordinance.

James Gose-Eells from Twin Falls County reported that they are very close to qualifying for the Tree City USA designation. In the County's proposed Tree Ordinance, a representative would be from the Twin Falls Tree Commission. After discussion, it was recommended to the County that the representative

should not be from the Twin Falls Tree Commission, but just from the community and if a member from the City's Commission is interested to serve on the County's Tree Committee, that person could apply for that position. Mary Inman volunteered to serve on the County's Tree Committee.

The County will be holding an Arbor Day Celebration at the Hansen Bridge overlook area.

Dave Kiesig reported that funding for community forestry programs will be cut at the Federal level. A Western Urban Forestry Commission is being formed to help states step up and fill the gaps in the funding for programs and grants to help money stay in the West. Members were encouraged to contact legislators in support of urban forestry.

Dave also reminded the group of the CSI Horticulture Club's pruning seminar on March 31, 2007 at Centennial Park and the old Perrine Orchard. Members were asked to help spread the word and pass out a few flyers. Staff will mail members flyers to distribute.

The group recapped the success of the Home & Garden Show. It was suggested to come up with something as a draw to the booth for next year's show. Business size cards could be made up with Tree Commission information to hand out to citizens. A banner was also suggested.

Dave Kiesig also reported that the State FFA Convention will be held at CSI April 10- 14, 2007. Commission members could help out by volunteering to help with the competitions. They can contact Dave for more information.

Item # 5 What Have You Seen?

Mary Inman reported a badly pruned Mulberry at 845 Heyburn Avenue. She will check if it is in the right-of-way and let Dennis know.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held Friday, April 13, 2007 in the Conference Room at the Parks & Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Avenue.

Kris Haney
Parks & Recreation Secretary

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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

April 13, 2007 * * * * * 12:00 PM * * * * * Parks & Recreation Conference Room

- Members Present:** Earleen Peterson, Mary Inman, Mark Koffer, Tony Brand and Brian Winn
- Members Absent:** Bill Manker
- Non-Voting Member Present:** None
- Council Absent:** Dave E. Johnson
- Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer, Kris Haney, and Kevin Skelton
- Guest:** James Gose-Eells, Twin Falls County Parks & Waterways

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Brian Winn made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2007 meeting. Mary Inman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item #1 Tree of the Month

Bill Manker was unable to make the meeting so he will give his presentation next month.

Item #2 Tree Enhancement Program - Commission

Trees are scheduled to be planted on Monday, April 16th. Dennis will take pictures and make a presentation to the City Council on the success of the program. He will also call the Times-News for some media coverage.

Tony Brand made a motion to continue the Tree Enhancement Program with ten additional trees in 2008 and offer the program in the same area. Earleen Peterson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item #3 Arbor Day

Plans were finalized for the Arbor Day Celebration. All members were encouraged to be at Vista Bonita Park at 4:00 on Friday, April 27th. The sites for the four trees being planted will be prepared by the Parks crew. Letters of invitation will be sent out to community leaders.

Item #4 Tree Inventory Grant

Two applications were received for the intern position. One of the applicants is no longer interested and the other was not qualified to do the work. No applications were received for the consultant position.

Dennis will check with Dave Kiesig to see if any of his Horticulture students are interested, and if he would be interested and able to do the consultant work.

Item #5 Old & New Business

Old Business

Mary Inman asked about logo shirts for the Tree Commission members. Dennis reported that he is still working with Mitch Humble, Community Development Director, on this request.

New Business

A tree was removed at 181 8th Ave N (by somebody named Bob according to the homeowner). The tree was rotted almost all the way through but no permit was acquired. The resident just knew the person as Bob and he did not write in a name on the check he made out to the contractor.

Trees were topped at: 304 7th Ave N – Dennis talked to the owner and will get the name of the folks who topped the tree and send a letter.

530 3rd Ave W – Dennis will check on this one

561 4th Ave E – Dennis will check on this as well.

James Gose-Eells from the Twin Falls County Parks & Waterways reported that their Arbor Day celebration will be Saturday, April 28th at Rolling Hills Park in Hansen.

A request was made to add a time frame that applicants can expect a response from staff for a Permit for Tree Removal.

Having meetings on Fridays is a problem for some staff members so the group discussed changing the meeting date. Mary Inman made a motion to change the monthly meeting of the Twin Falls Tree commission to the first Tuesday of each month. The motion was seconded by Tony Brand, and passed unanimously.

Tree Removal Requests:

None.

Item # 5 What Have You Seen?

Commission members reported seeing the Arbor Day billboard at west 5-points by Swensen's. It is very good advertising and it done by the Idaho Department of Lands.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Tuesday, May 1, 2007** at 12:00 in the Conference Room at the Parks & Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Avenue.

Staff Note: May's meeting has been cancelled, so the next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 5th, 2007**.

Kris Haney
Parks & Recreation Secretary

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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

June 5, 2007 * * * * * 11:30 AM * * * * * Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Members Present: **Earleen Peterson, Mark Koffer, Bill Manker and Tony Brand**

Members Absent: **Brian Winn and Mary Inman**

**Non-Voting
Member Present:** **Dave Kiesig**

Council Absent: **Dave E. Johnson**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer and Kevin Skelton**

Guest: **Philip Stewart, Community Forestry Intern**

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 11:40 pm.

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2007 meeting. Earleen Peterson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item #1 Commission Meeting Day - Commission

The Commission revisited the decision made at the April 13th meeting regarding a change in the monthly meeting date. The first Tuesday of the month will not work for City Council Liaison Dave Johnson, as he has commitments with the Planning and Zoning Commission on the first and third Tuesdays. Planning and Zoning has work sessions on those two days. It is critical to have our Council Liaison present at our meetings.

The consensus of the members is to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room.

Item #2 Tree of the Month

Bill Manker gave the Tree of the Month presentation on the Honey Locust Tree. This is a hardy tree with strong branches. It needs to be pruned every two to three years. The best feature of the tree is that the leaves blow away in the Fall. Another nice feature is that the tree has an open canopy so that the grass gets sunlight during the day. Those present, that were familiar with the tree, agreed that this was an excellent tree for this area.

Item #3 Arbor Day Recap – Commission

The April 27, 2007 Arbor Day Celebration was held at Vista Bonita Park. There were two “low lights”. One was the hard ground, the other was the lack of publicity. The Twin Falls High School Key Club and the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley were very helpful. Additions to this year’s “helpers” were students from the College of Southern Idaho Horticulture Club. All the group participation was appreciated.

Dennis asked members for suggestions to make improvements for the next Arbor Day Celebration. Other Tree Cities in the area such as Jerome, Kimberly and Buhl make it a big event. Some of the ideas were tree seedlings give-away, refreshments such as a BBQ, activities for kids, poster contest, t-shirts for sale and tree care demonstrations. Tony Brand suggested that Arbor Day plans be put on the January Tree Commission agenda for future planning.

Item #4 Community Forestry Intern Update (Tree Grant) – Dennis

Philip Stewart was introduced to the Commission. He was one of two applicants to apply for the Summer Community Forestry Internship position. He is a student at CSI in the Horticulture program. Dave Kiesig, CSI Horticulture Professor and a non-voting member of the Tree Commission, was approved as the consultant for the Community Forestry grant.

Item #5 Old & New Business

Several tree permits have been given out. Dennis is giving the Tree Selection Guide to select individuals/groups. He believes this will get the word out and serve as publicity for the Commission.

Dennis mentioned the idea of a park setting at the base of the silos next to the Depot Grill. The group that is heading up this project is “Preservation Twin Falls”; two of the people leading this charge are Russ Tremayne and Tom Gilbertson. Dave Wright of Kimberly Nurseries provided a landscape plan for the area; nothing has been finalized at this time.

Item # 5 What Have You Seen?

A question was asked if tree service providers inform the City when they are working on trees in town. Currently, licensed tree service providers do not have to inform the City when they are doing work on City ROW trees. It was recommended for staff to write a letter to ask for those companies to let the City know when they are working on trees in the City’s ROW.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Tuesday, July 24, 2007** at 12:00 in the Conference Room at the Parks & Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Avenue.

Earleen Peterson
Tree Commission Alternate

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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

July 24, 2007 * * * * * 11:30 AM * * * * * Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Members Present: **Mark Koffer, Tony Brand, Brian Winn,**

Members Absent: **Mary Inman, Bill Manker, and Earleen Peterson**

Non-Voting Member Present: **Dave Kiesig**

Council Absent: **Dave E. Johnson**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer and Kevin Skelton**

Guest: **James Gose-Eells, David Mead, Dan Brizee**

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm.

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 meeting. Brian Winn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item #1 Tree of the Month

Mark Koffer gave the Tree of the Month presentation on the American Elm Tree. This tree has a vase shaped branch structure and is very tolerant with a 95% survival rate. It is tolerant to disease, air pollution, and poor soil conditions.

Item #2 Twin Falls County Tree Ordinance Update

James Gose-Eells from the Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways was present to speak about the County Tree Ordinance. He said that they are working on creating a tree board and that the county will be working with the City of Hansen to get Tree County USA status. James will give Hansen 10-15 hours of his time in the next year. They want to create some literature for drought tolerance and create some pamphlets for developers. They are also looking at gathering some data and creating a County Parks Tree Inventory. James mentioned that they are having some problems with Russian Olives and they are working on having them removed.

Dennis and James want to collaborate on a Tree Book that entails City and County. They County also wants to get a Certified Arborist on staff and they need to figure out easement issues.

Dave Kiesig mentioned that it seems like they have a solid plan and that his future concerns were covered. He said to pay attention to the forest service and the USDA and pay attention to what they are doing. He mentioned that both the city and the county should look at getting Gary Bates to come and talk about all the changes that have been made or are being made.

Item #3 Ash Trees along 2nd Ave. East

Dan Brizee was present to speak about his concerns over the Ash Trees along 2nd Ave. Dan owns a business along 2nd and is unhappy with the way the trees look. The trees are over grown and the roots have damaged the side walks and the water systems no longer work. Dan wants to see something done with the trees. Tony agreed that something needed to be done with the trees. Dennis mentioned that there was a survey done in 2002 and the condition has worsened since then. Dan said he is ready to do what ever it takes. David Mead said that is great but in the past the BID didn't do what they were supposed to do. Dan said that financially he is willing to help but he can't put up all the money.

Tony Brand made a motion that the Tree Commission approve the removal of the Ash Trees in the discussed location (along 2nd Ave. E) and put a study together of what could be better used in the area. Brian Winn seconded the motion.

Dave Kiesig asked where they might find the money to fund the project and the Commission decided that would be a part of the study.

The motion passed unanimously.

There is a lot that would need to be done to fix the problem. The stumps would need to be grinded, the sprinkler systems need fixing. A sub-committee was formed with Brian Winn as the head and with Dave Kiesig, James Gose-Eells, Dan Brizee, and David Mead as members. The committee is going to work on ideas of what can replace the trees and also work on a proposal for the project.

Item #4 Community Forestry Intern Update (Tree Grant) – Dennis

Philip Stewart was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Dave Kiesig has been working with Philip as a consultant. Philip has mapped out all the trees in the original town site except Main St. He will work on the President Streets from Addison Avenue to Filer Avenue. As of this meeting he was half way done. Dave mentioned that the City Works program the city has for this is working out great. He said that Dennis will be able to get on to the computer and issue permits almost directly. Dave also said that a lot of useful information has been gathered and it is important for the community to use this information.

Item #5 Old & New Business

Dennis said that there was a tree hazard on 282 Fillmore and it has been removed. Dennis also talked briefly about the City Requirements for a tree license. It says that an ISA Certified arborist must be on staff. He said that this needs to be a discussion item. What constitutes "On Staff?" Mark said that he thinks they need to be present need to be able to look at the tree. Brian and Mark talked about having a

form that guaranteed the arborist was present. Dennis said that he will send out a letter to remind and stress the requirements.

Dennis is also going to look into getting Gary Bates to do a workshop or something.

Mark mentioned that he had some pictures from Arbor Day if anyone wanted copies.

David Mead cleaned out his files from when he was on the Tree Commission and handed out few items to the committee to help them in their role as members of the Tree Commission.

Item # 6 What Have You Seen?

Dave Kiesig mentioned that he has seen three new bucket trucks in town and to keep your eyes open for new tree workers who may not know the requirements.

Mary has tree of the month for the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Tuesday, August 28th, 2007** at 12:00noon in the Conference Room at the Parks & Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Avenue.

Beth Pendergrass
Recreation Coordinator

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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

August 28, 2007 * * * * * 11:30 AM * * * * * Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Members Present: **Mark Koffer, Mary Inman, Bill Manker, Tony Brand, and Earleen Peterson**

Members Absent: **Brian Winn**

Non-Voting Member Present: **Dave Kiesig**

Council Present: **Dave E. Johnson**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer and Kevin Skelton**

Guest: **Philip Stewart and David Mead**

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

The July 24th minutes were not ready to approve at this time.

Item #1 Tree of the Month

Mary Inman gave the Tree of the Month presentation on the Globe Locust Tree. Mary talked about the history of the Globe Locust trees in Twin Falls and said the street named Locust was named after the grove of trees planted at the present day corner of Locust Street North and Falls Avenue East. Also some of the original trees that were planted at City Park were the Locust variety.

Item #2 Ash Tree along 2nd Avenue East Update

Dennis filled in for Brian and reported the following actions: On July 31st the following people met at the site; Dennis Bowyer, Brian Winn, Mark Koffer, David Mead, Dave Kiesig, Dan Brizee, Shawn Barigar, and Philip Stewart. Out of this meeting, it was decided to have 4-5 tree planting areas, each area be approximately 4 or 5 feet square. The planting areas would get a new soil mixture to benefit the trees and improvement of the existing irrigation system would be made. The BID would check with the Idaho Transportation Department to see if could cut into the existing sidewalk to gain room

and to cut into the existing parking stalls. Brian Winn would get a list of acceptable trees to be replanted (At the July Tree Commission, the Commission allowed for removal of those 8 trees). Dan Brizee would volunteer to help remove the trees and help with the cost of this project. No cost estimates have been done at this time. All agreed that this would be a great testing area for other trees areas in the BID.

Bill Manker volunteered to help with the planting when the time comes. Dave Kiesig said all groups needs to be thinking long term (50 years +) and the planting and care of trees in the BID area.

Item #4 Old & New Business

Dennis said Snake River Tree Service (owned by Brent Dixon) has received a tree license from the City of Twin Falls. There are currently 6 companies that have the license.

Item # 5 What Have You Seen?

No reports were given today.

Item #3 Community Forestry Intern Update (Tree Grant) – Philip Stewart

Philip discussed the process how he gathered the information, what information was gathered, and how it was downloaded. Philip handed out a summary report on his internship and he highlighted some of his findings. There are 1726 deciduous and 92 evergreen within the City's right-of-ways in the original town site and the southern ½ mile of the presidential streets. The Commission gathered around a computer and Philip presented a power point presentation. Also Philip said there are 64 hazard trees in the City's right-of-ways. The Commission asked what the City's responsibilities on these hazard trees are. Currently the City's code says these trees must be declared a hazard tree by an ISA certified arborist. Philip is not an ISA certified arborist but he is reviewing for the test this year. Staff will have to get the list of these "hazard trees" and have an ISA certified arborist reviews the trees and then if a hazard tree, work with the homeowners to have these trees removed as soon as possible. Once City staff has access to the software program that these trees were downloaded on, staff will be able to pull up all information on these trees will a few clicks of their mouse.

Dave Kiesig recommended that the report and power point presentation be given to the Idaho Department of Lands.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Tuesday, September 27th, 2007** at 12:00noon in the Conference Room at the Parks & Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Avenue.

Dennis J. Bowyer
Parks & Recreation Director

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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

September 25, 2007 * * * * * 12:00pm * * * * * Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Members Present: **Mark Koffer, Tony Brand, Brian Winn, Earleen Peterson, Mary Inman**

Members Absent: **Bill Manker**

**Non-Voting
Member Present:** **Dave Kiesig**

Council Absent: **Dave E. Johnson**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer**

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24th, 2007 meeting. Earleen Peterson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item #1 Review of the Ash trees along 2nd Ave E.

Dennis hasn't heard any more on the trees along this property. He plans on following up with Shawn Barigar about the funding for this project. The Commission should not have any obligation on cost for this project. The Commission thinks it should be the Chamber's and the Bid's responsibility to come up with the funding. It was decided in the last meeting that a plan and cost estimate would be presented but the Commission hasn't seen anything yet. The Commission feels it has done their part and wants a final plan before the trees will be removed.

Item #2 Old and New Business

Dennis reported a tree permit for the removal of a tree in front of Poindexters along Main Ave W. There will be a possible removal or replacement of the tree. Dennis will send someone out to take a look at it.

The tree inventory will be accounted for on a new software program called City Works. Dennis doesn't have access to it yet but is hoping by next year he'll be able to control all inventory over the computer.

At the July 24th meeting, the Commission discussed what constitutes an Arborist "on staff". Dennis sent out letters to all certified Arborists stressing the requirements.

Mary Inman handed out an article regarding National Heritage Areas in America. She feels South Central Idaho is a perfect setting for this type of project and would like the mission statement to include the "tradition of trees". She will gather more information and present to the Commission at a later date.

Tony handed out information on a class put on by ISU informing people who have an interest in growing fruit trees. He would like to attend the class but it conflicts with the scheduled commission meeting on Oct 23rd. Brian motioned to change the meeting date to October 30th. Tony seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Earleen mentioned the Master Gardner Conference taking place November 3rd in Burley. Mini-Cassia will be hosting the event this year at Morey's Steakhouse.

Dennis reported that Parks and Recreation hosted the IRPA conference September 10th and 11th. They had a great turnout and were pleased with the workshop Dave Kiesig presented. It was the largest attendance for a workshop that Dennis can remember.

Tony mentioned other Commissions that could be helpful to us as well as us being helpful to them. He brought up the question, "Are we doing all we can as Tree Commission". Dennis said we need to be more pro-active and remind committees we are here. It may be helpful to attend some of their meetings and remind them of what we do and what requirements are out there for removing trees.

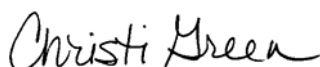
Item #3 What Have You Seen?

Dave Kiesig asked the Commission if anyone has seen or heard of KAK Tree Service?

He also mentioned that we need to be thinking about the Home and Garden Show coming up in February. Earleen and Mark will look at some companies for brochures.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Tuesday, October 30th, 2007** at 12:00noon in the ***Council Overflow room at City Council Chambers at 305 3rd Avenue East.***



Christi Green
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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

October 30, 2007 * * * * * 12:00pm * * * * * Council Chambers Overflow Room

Members Present: **Mark Koffer, Brian Winn, Earleen Peterson, Mary Inman**

Members Absent: **Bill Manker, Tony Brand**

Non-Voting Member Present: **Dave Kiesig**

Council Present: **Dave E. Johnson**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer**

Guests: **Phillip Stewart, Cassie Skinner, Matt Holman, Jody Sherwood, Gerry Helwig, Pete Deelstra and Lea Shanahan – all students for CSI’s Horticulture programs.**

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm.

Introductions were made.

Mary Inman made a correction to the September 25, 2007 minutes on Item #2 to note that Tony Brand mentioned that due to federal funds being cut, there isn’t much grant money available for future tree inventory projects and education would be beneficial. Earleen suggested that the tree inventory be presented to the City Council at a future meeting. Providing the City Council with information would encourage them to support funding requests for future tree inventory projects.

Brian Winn made a motion to approve the minutes with the amended additions. Mary Inman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The correction was made in the minutes.

Item #1 Permit for Tree Removal – Anita Jesser

Dennis reported that Anita Jesser was not able to attend due to a conflict with her work schedule. Anita had submitted a permit to remove a tree outside of Poindexter’s on Main Ave West. The

Commission members looked at the tree and felt it should not be removed. Dennis believes she'll be able to attend the November meeting and will be added to the agenda. He told her that if the Commission doesn't approve the removal of the tree, she can appeal to City Council.

Item #2 National Heritage Area Designations – Mary Inman

Mary Inman presented to the Commission the benefits she sees in establishing a National Heritage Area in this area. One of the main distinctions in our area that represents a National Heritage Area is the irrigation system our settlers engineered. Becoming a heritage area does not require state or federal approval but it does come with limited financial assistance. We would have to work together with different counties to come up with goals to manage and fund the project.

Mark Koffer thought this was a good idea but thinks it is going beyond what the Commission can do. Dave Johnson suggested Mary should get in touch with the Association of Idaho Cities and the Association of Idaho Counties and make a presentation to both groups to see what the response would be. Earleen suggested Mary should include something about Milner Dam with it being part of the early irrigation system.

Item #3 Old & New Business - Commission

Dennis mentioned the Arboricultural Specifications and Standards Guide needs to be reviewed and updated. He would like to form a sub-committee to present the updated document to Council. Mary Inman, Brian Winn and Mark Koffer volunteered for the sub-committee. Dave Kiesig mentioned the guide looked good and would help if needed.

Mark passed around some brochures he found for the display table at the Home and Garden Show. Dave Kiesig suggested looking into Plant Amnesty in Washington and the Urban Forest Research Center to donate some materials for the show.

Dave Kiesig reported that Twin Falls County is qualified as a Tree City USA designation.

Dennis reported that the Tree Enhancement Program has received funding for this year. He hopes that the Commission receives more applications this year than last so it will be more challenging for the Commission to create some guidelines as to who qualifies.

Item #4 What Have You Seen? – Commission

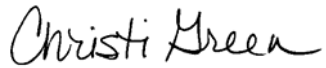
Dave Kiesig reported the trees on Cheney Drive near Cold Stone Creamery have been chopped. Lawns Etc. takes care of that area.

Mark mentioned some Siberian Elms have been removed on Buchanan Street. Dennis said they were in the right of way and he did not receive a permit to remove the trees. He is going to try and find out who did the job and stress the requirements of having a permit before removing any trees in the right of way.

One of the students asked what the requirements of removing trees were. Dennis explained the procedures and the purpose of the Tree Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Tuesday, November 27th, 2007** at 12:00noon in the Conference Room at the Parks and Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christi Green". The script is cursive and fluid.

Christi Green
Parks and Recreation Secretary

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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

November 27, 2007 * * * * * 12:00pm * * * * * Parks and Recreation Conference Room

Members Present: **Mark Koffer, Brian Winn, Earleen Peterson, Mary Inman, Tony Brand**

Members Absent: **Bill Manker**

Non-Voting Member Present: **Dave Kiesig**

Council Present: **Dave E. Johnson**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer**

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:14 pm.

Mary Inman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2007 meeting. Brian Winn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #1 Permit for Tree Removal – Anita Jesser

No one from Poindexter’s attended the meeting.

Item #2 Mission Statement Revision – Mary Inman

Mary Inman presented her proposed changes of the mission statement to the Commission. Her proposed mission statement states: To increase public knowledge of trees, create a broader awareness of their value to our lives and our community, promote street and park trees as part of the city’s infrastructure and to instill a sense of responsibility for the care and expansion of our heritage of an urban forest which is a tradition begun by the city’s founders and settlers.

Tony asked if we included “tradition” in the mission statement, will that make it easier to receive funding. Mary thinks it will help with funding. Dennis suggested presenting these changes to the Council when

the changes to the Arboricultural Specifications and Standards Guide are presented. The Commission agreed to work on the changes when they update the Standards guide. Dave Kiesig mentioned changing the mission statement grammatically to have a better understanding of the statement.

Item #3 Public Education - Mary Inman

Mary mentioned that Tony Brand had made a comment at a previous meeting that educating people would hopefully help with funding. Tony refreshed the Commission on his comment and discussion followed. Some suggestions were made by Earleen Peterson to present to Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist, and other service clubs in the area about what the Tree Commission is and what requirements are out there. She thinks that City Council isn't the only one that needs educating.

Dennis suggested presenting to City Council in January or February the tree inventory and updating the Council on the Tree Enhancement Program and the grant we received. He mentioned that Council may not be fully aware of the grant we received and what it was used for. He also mentioned that the Commission does try to educate people as much as they can. Approximately 20,000 brochures were sent out to citizens in Twin Falls and booths were set up at the Home and Garden Show, Agri-Action and the Twin Falls County Fair with information about the Tree Commission.

Earleen asked Dave Johnson what he thought we should do. He stated that the Commission should wait until after January to present to Council and he could arrange a contact with the Rotary about presenting at a meeting.

Tony asked Dennis if a part-time position could be opened to help with the tree inventory. Dennis said it would have to be budgeted and could be a seasonal employee working about 10-20 hours a week. Dave Kiesig mentioned other cities have a designated person that handles that. It is usually a full-time position and urban forestry and education of the public would be part of their responsibility. He suggested partnering with other Tree City USA towns in the area and working together to share funding. There are pros and cons to doing it that way though. Dave also mentioned that the Commission is to advise the Council, not take it upon themselves to educate the public.

Dennis mentioned that the Tree Commission has been the Community Forester in the City and they have gotten away with hiring an employee so far. He thinks the City needs to employ a Community Forester. Dennis will work with the IS Department on the tree inventory and will make a presentation to City Council updating them on the Enhancement program in January or February. Information on the Tree Enhancement Program will be included in water bills and an article will run in the Times News.

Earleen gave an update of the Home and Garden Show. She said that the Commission has a location and the dates will be February 15th, 16th, 17th. Hours will be 10am-8pm, 10am-8pm and 11am-5pm. Dennis stated that in the past members have met the Thursday before and have set up the display. Dave Kiesig mentioned the display that was used in the past is not available and a different display will have to be made for this year.

Item #4 Tree Enhancement Program – Dennis Bowyer

Dennis asked the Commission if any changes needed to be done to the Tree Enhancement Program. Tony Brand motioned to leave the guidelines the same. Brian Winn seconded the motion. Dave Kiesig suggested specifying the kind of tree that will be available. The Commission discussed the specifications and decided on the following choices:

Green Spire Linden
Skyline Honeylocust

Newport Flowering Plum
Springsnow Crabapple

Tony motioned to accept the modified guidelines. Brian Winn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Item #5 Old & New Business – Commission

Dennis passed out copies of the Arboricultural Specifications & Standards Guide. He asked for the Commission to review the guide and notify staff of any changes. Dave Kiesig mentioned he looked over the guide and everything looked good to him.

Dennis mentioned the next scheduled meeting date is on Christmas Day. An alternate meeting date needs to be set. The Commission tentatively decided on Monday, December 17th to hold the next meeting if the room is available. Dennis will notify everyone to confirm the date.

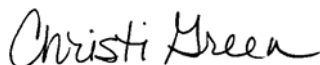
Brian stated the Idaho Horticulture Show in Boise will be held on January 16th, 17th, and 18th. He will have passes for the tradeshow if anyone was interested.

Item #6 What Have You Seen? – Commission

Nothing was reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Monday, December 17th, 2007** at 12:00noon in the Conference Room at the Parks and Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Ave.



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TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

December 17, 2007 * * * * * 12:00pm * * * * * Parks and Recreation Conference Room

- Members Present:** **Mark Koffer, Brian Winn, Bill Manker, Mary Inman and Tony Brand**
- Members Absent:** **Earleen Peterson**
- Non-Voting Member Absent:** **Dave Kiesig**
- Council Absent:** **Dave E. Johnson**
- Staff Present:** **Dennis Bowyer**
- Guest:** **Anita Jesser, owner of Poindexter's**

MINUTES

Chairperson Mark Koffer called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm.

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27th, 2007 meeting. Mary Inman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #1 Permit for Tree Removal – Anita Jesser

Anita Jesser with Poindexter's attended the meeting to present to the Commission her reasons for removing a Honey locust tree outside her building. Introductions were made. Anita stated that the tree is messy; causing her drains on the roof to clog and the tree is buckling the sidewalk. She is willing to replace the tree. Mark mentioned that trimming the branches will eliminate the drain problem. Brian stated that the tree is one of the best looking on that street and asked if she has put drain guards on the roof. Anita has not done that but mentioned that customers complain about the pods falling from the tree and hitting them. Discussion followed of the possible solutions.

Brian Winn made a motion to allow the removal of the Honey locust tree at 257 Main Ave W and a replacement tree to be planted in the original location by May 1st 2008. Bill Manker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission will give Anita names and numbers of companies to remove the tree.

Item #2 Membership & Elections - Commission

Dennis reported that elections for a chairperson and vice-chairperson will have to be made in January. In February, Tony Brand's first term expires and he will have the option to renew for another term. Bill Manker's first term will also expire in February and he will have the option to renew as well. Both Tony and Bill stated they would like to renew their terms. Dennis mentioned that the City Council needs to appoint the members with the Mayor's recommendation.

Earleen Peterson's term also expires in February but she will not be eligible to renew her term since she has served her full two three year terms. Dennis asked the Commission if they want to continue with an alternate member or not fill that position. The Commission feels that the position is very helpful and would like to keep an alternate member. Dennis will check with the mayor and see if he approves the decision. He will report back at the next meeting what the decision is.

Item #3 Arboricultural & Specifications Guide Review - Commission

Brian Winn made a motion to accept the revised mission statement Mary proposed at the last meeting. Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the Arboricultural & Specifications Guide and made the proposed changes from Dave Kiesig and Mary Inman. *See attached proposed changes.* A question regarding 2(g), page 6 of the Guide was raised regarding the minimum spacing of planting a tree near a fire hydrant. Dennis will check with the fire department to see what the minimum requirement is.

Brian Winn made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the Arboricultural & Specifications Guide for 2008 containing the revisions made today by the Commission and allowing the information Dennis receives from the fire department on 2(g), page 6 of the Guide. Bill Manker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 Old & New Business - Commission

Brian asked what was going on with the trees near Brizee. The Commission hasn't heard anything. Permission had been granted for Dan Brizee to remove the trees but it hasn't been done yet. The Commission had wanted to see a plan before it was done. Nothing was sent out to Brizee in writing and the Commission wondered if that was what was holding it up. Dennis will e-mail Shawn to see if there is any information or plan and what the status is on the project.

Mary Inman gave a quick update of the County Tree Committee meeting she attended. The County is now a Tree City County. They have plans for Arbor Day and want to include Twin Falls County cities. They are thinking about doing a Saturday project.

Brian has passes to the annual Idaho Horticulture Show in Boise on January 16-18th. The passes can get you into the trade show but no seminars.

Item #5 What Have You Seen? - Commission

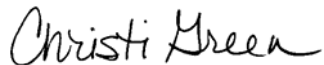
Dennis mentioned a private tree on Fillmore or Buchanan had been topped badly. Mary said the tree was on Buchanan Street.

Bill mentioned a friend of his had K & K Tree Service prune their trees and every limb of the tree was taken off.

Brian went by Cold Stone Creamery and saw the job done on the trees there.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Tuesday January 22nd, 2008** at 12:00noon in the Conference Room at the Parks and Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Ave.



Christi Green
Parks and Recreation Secretary