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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tree Advisory Board
May 19, 2015
8:45 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Cowan called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the governing body were present:

Board Members: Patricia Cowan, Larry Miller, Cathi Higgins, Kelly D'Onofrio, Jan Brown, and Alan Rosenberg.

Members Present but not Voting: None.

Absent: Steve Long, Sidney Sandy, Jorge Aponte, Dr Shamir Ally, and Bill Smith_ UC Urban Forrester.

Staff Members: Rox Burhans-Planning Director, Lindze Small-Planner/GIS Technician, and Pam Good- Board Secretary

Member Long exited the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April 21, 2015

Motion to approve minutes by Member Rosenberg, seconded by Member Miller. Minutes were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Staff Small spoke of this being the 4th year of Mayor's Tree Initiative which is a week long event. 5 local elementary schools were involved this year, including 600 students.

Member Higgins mentioned about how hard the staff worked during the Mayor's Initiative Week.

Member Rosenberg had concerns about how much we are requiring as a town in replanting trees. He stated we need to be more realistic about how much burden on developers. He would

like the tree board to review their tree mitigation requirements and heritage tree definition for the future.

Staff Burhans stated that presently heritage tree are all species as well as the size threshold of 12 inches. Staff will re-examine the size.

Chair Cowan asked if there is a federal standard for heritage trees. Staff Burhans stated that he would research this.

Member Rosenberg stated that variety has to be discussed.

Chair Cowan would like to extend an invitation to the Parks Committee to hear info regarding heritage tree research when Staff is ready to present the information.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Member Rosenberg. Seconded by Member Miller. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Chairman:

Date: _____

Secretary:
