

## **Advisory Committee on Trees – March 19, 2019**

Call to order 7PM

Present: Brian Townsend (city liaison and Assistant Director Public Works and Parks), Charles Jackman (chair), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Robert Trumbule (member at large).

Reviewed and approved January and February minutes with corrections.

Old Business

1 – Arbor Day March 30, 2019. 10AM – 1PM

The date has been changed from April 6 to March 30. ACT will probably need to attend the March 25 City Council meeting to accept the Arbor Day Proclamation. Brian will check and let us know.

2 – Memo and Work Session on the Sustainable Land Care Policy.

Charles wrote the memo for City Council, and ACT members approved it via email. Brian informed ACT that the Work Session could be scheduled some time in July. The following dates in July were available: 10; 15; 17; 22; 24; and 31. ACT members would prefer either July 15 or 22.

New Business

1 – Election of ACT Chair and ACT Recorder.

Ethel Dutky nominated Charles Jackman to serve as chair. Bob Trumbule nominated Ethel Dutky to serve as recorder. Charles and Ethel accepted and were unanimously affirmed.

2 – Implementation of the Urban Tree Master Plan.

Brian announced that he was in the process of developing a detailed plan to implement the Urban Tree Master Plan. Full implementation this year will require the hiring of a City Arborist who will manage the Tree Inventory and be responsible for evaluating every street tree on the inventory, and supervise required maintenance (removal, pruning, tree installation, etc.) and the purchase of a new bucket truck. Maintenance plans will be on a 6 year cycle. We had a discussion of possible trees for several problem areas.

Next ACT Meeting: April 30, 2019 at 7PM at Public Works

Adjourn 9:20 PM

Submitted by Ethel Dutky