



**Committee Members:**

Chairperson - Van Voorhis, Ken   
Burt, Melissa   
Davis, Garth   
Lindstrom, Phil   
Wright, Chris   
Alternate – Cameron, Randy   
Alternate – Traver, Susan

Also Present: Park Board – Andy Dunau; Staff – Leroy Eadie, Cheryl Miller,  
Angel Spell and Johnna Woodruff

**Urban Forestry Tree Committee of the Spokane Park Board  
September 27, 2011, 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Willow Room, Woodland Center  
John A. Finch Arboretum  
Angel Spell, Urban Forester**

**Summary**

- The Preliminary Findings of the Logan Neighborhood Pilot Project were distributed and reviewed.
- No changes have been proposed to the 2012 Budget. Noted in the discussion was that the City Council approved \$250,000 from the Stormwater Surge Fund to be used specifically for the Urban Forestry Tree Inventory.
- A written Urban Forestry Staff Report was distributed. No questions were asked.
- Highlights of the Citizen Advisory Committee Report include:  
    Updates for the Conservation Area Stewardship Plans; and the  
    Recommended Street Tree List Subcommittees; and  
    Fall Leaf Festival is October 15<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Finch Arboretum.
- Next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2011, at 4:15 p.m. in the Woodland Center at Finch Arboretum.

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Chairperson, Ken Van Voorhis. Introductions were made to benefit the newest Park Board Member, Andy Dunau. The structure of the UFTC was explained.

**Action Items:** No Action Items were presented.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Preliminary Findings of the Logan Neighborhood Pilot Project

A written report was distributed and reviewed by Angel Spell. This is a grant funded project scheduled to conclude June, 2012. This neighborhood is not representative of the overall City. The analysis reports are the result of running the raw data through TreeWorks and i-Tree software. It is possible to obtain additional reports and the software is capable of modeling future projections. This data includes only public street and park trees. A 'canopy' assessment would include both public and private trees. Benefits of having a tree inventory and properly managing the urban forest were discussed. Interest was expressed in seeing projections in order to assess the increase in benefits realized with proper management.

2. Update of proposed 2012 UF Budget

Nothing new was presented for the 2012 Budget. At the September 26<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting approval was granted to take existing \$250,000 from Stormwater Surge Funds to be used specifically for the Urban Forestry Inventory Project. This is one-time funding. The previously requested Stormwater Fee is not supported by City Council at this time. Discussion focused on clarification and preparation for today's Special Park Board Meeting.

### **Standing Report items:**

1. Urban Forestry Staff Report - Angel provided a written report. No questions were asked.
2. Citizen Advisory Committee Report – per Garth Davis highlights include:
  - a. Good general guidelines for management plans have been located. The Conservation Area Stewardship Plans Subcommittee will adapt them to fit their needs and submit the results to the Land Committee for review and approval.
  - b. All trees on the Recommended Street Tree List have been reviewed. A spreadsheet will be submitted to Angel in November. It will then be provided to the Inter-departmental Discussion Group for review and comment.
  - c. The Fall Leaf Festival is October 15, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Finch Arboretum. Preceding the Festival, also at the Arboretum, Pat Hall will present a free workshop on Urban Ecology: Native Trees and Urban Landscapes from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Other Business:**

Inquiry was made regarding the status of the truck and equipment purchase. It was noticed prior to purchase that the specified truck did not have the necessary tongue weight capacity. A suitable truck will be found within the allotted budget. The loader has been approved though not yet acquired.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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