

1. Call to order, 7:15. Members present: Richard Trout, Bob Jones, Ed Adams, Carl Wilmsen, Suzanne Arca
Staff present: Tony Wolcott

2. Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2008.

Adams moves to approve the minutes, Jones seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Public comment: none.

4. Announcement and communications: Jones passed around a flyer with information about the 800 block of Key Route planting trees.

5. Discussion and possible action items:

5-1. Tree Task Force Vision statement

Wilmsen moves to approve revised vision statement. Jones, seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

5-2. Letter to Gates and Associates: Jones moves to table this item to the next meeting. Adams seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

5-3. Tree List: data sheet template and process to evaluate trees considered for addition to list.

Strategies for choosing trees for list:

- A. Least common denominator – current strategy: focus on predictable trees.
- B. Distributed risk – current conditions: assume that current climatic conditions will continue.
- C. Distributed risk – current and future conditions: look for bomb-proof trees, focus on drought, focus on El Niño, or compromise.

We need a way to encourage people who are willing to spend the money to improve site conditions.

Perhaps have trees on every corner in the city, and give them extra care.

People could volunteer to pay for extra care. Adopt-a-tree program.

We could have an approved list, and also have an experimental list.

We should also have a way of revising and updating the list on occasion.

5-4. City Forester budget presentation:

The fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. There is \$90,000 to spend during the fiscal year on projects (tree work; maintenance, etc). \$10,000 of that is for the Tree Task Force.

Jones suggests that we could apply for money from the cable committee for making a promotional video.

5-5. Discussion of urban soils

We talked about this a lot when talking about the tree list. We just need to keep in mind the unique soil conditions in Albany.

6. Future agenda items

Begin to select new trees for consideration to add to Albany's tree list. We may use the El Cerrito and San Francisco tree lists as guides.

Revisit tree list template.

The \$10,000 must be spend by July1, 2009. Think of ways to spend it.

Letter to Gates and Associates.

Soils.

Examples of brochures that block captains are putting together.

7. Adjournment. 9:27