

Duluth Tree commission
June 17, 2014 Minutes

Call to order: 7:00

Pledge of Alligence

Role call: Janet, Angela, Jim Lemmerman, Dale Sellner (City), Christine Penney (ad hoc), Liz, Jacob Shaw

Guests:

SEH reps: Kaci Nowicki, Allyz Kramer, Scott Sannes and Benita Crow

Duluth Airport Authority: Brian Madsen, Tom Werner

Channel 3 (?) camerawoman interviewed Jim Lemmerman prior to meeting.

Forester report: postponed.

Old business:

Sky Harbor Airport update:

- Last update was in May. Allyz passed out a summary of status to date of the environmental impact statement process as well as a PPT of her presentation on the current options. She detailed the two options: Alternative 13 and Alternative 5a short.
- Jim asked about Corps of Engineer and other support for using fill to extend the airport. Allyz indicated they were getting push back from other agencies.
- SEH announced it would be at Park Point Community Club on Thursday and that there would be a public open house at a date and time to be announced.
- Tree Commission noted its support for Alternative 5a short.

New business

Introduction and welcome of new commissioner Jacob Shaw.

Discussion of lack of City support for the Tree Commission. Dale Sellner responded to points & questions.

- Unlikely to ever have a city forester again but that advocacy for the position should be through him.
- Dale volunteered to be the contact for the TC as well as be the ex officio secretary.
- Dale indicated that the City was prepared for EAB operationally, but not financially and Liz indicated she would like to be part of a team to update City Councilors.
- Dale indicated the spirit of cooperation between agencies and cities was strong.
- Discussion of status of Mgt Plan and Viewshed ordinance. Dale thought the process broke down because there was no liaison with the City. Dale indicated the ordinance letter is going to stakeholders on Skyline between 5th & 6th Aves West to test the process.

Other business

- Christine volunteered to get agendas to Jeff Cox for posting and to send instructions for posting agendas and minutes. This material should be emailed to webupdate@duluthmn.gov
- Angela reminded the group that minutes be sent out at least a week in advance of meetings and encouraged the group to try to keep the meetings to 1 hours. There was discussion of changing the meeting time to 7pm.
- TC'ers who attended the 4th Street Improvement public meeting did not report.
- Liz indicated she spoke with the Bluestone developers: thought they were folks of good intentions if unformed.

Adjourn: 8:20