

## **Tree Commission Minutes**

21 April 2015

**Members Present:** Jacob Shaw, Mike Pennington, Liz Johnson, Janet Nelson, Dale Sellner, Barbara Stark, Jim Lemmerman.

**Approval of Minutes:** Liz made a motion, seconded by Janet, to approve the minutes from 17 March 2015. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

Arbor Day – The Tree Commission agreed to move ahead with plans for an Arbor Day event. Jacob will contact someone connected with the garden space on Central Entrance/6<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. to determine whether that site will work. Once we have confirmed the site a date in late May will be selected. Dale will get a tree or trees for the event and will check into the availability of the Mayor.

Committee of the Whole – The presentation on EAB will be given by Judy Gibbs, Dale, and Kelly Fleissner as well as someone from the MDA. Janet will contact the MDA to confirm this.

**Forester's Report:** Dale reported that during the last 2-3 years they have planted between 1600-1800 boulevard trees. Many of these trees have died. He did not place an order for boulevard trees this year so time can be spent doing an inventory of the 2-3 year old trees, removing dead trees and establishing a process for replanting. He is working to increase the budget for removal, planting, pruning and care of boulevard trees. He reports that things are going well, he has a very qualified staff, all the pruning City-wide on boulevard trees is up to date, and that it will take another 2-3 weeks to catch up on tree removal. They will be taking down some of the older ash trees and injecting others in order to practice the injection process and get started with protecting some trees ahead of the arrival of EAB. The summer intern will be writing the EAB plan for the City. The continuing need for a City Forester was emphasized.

**New Business:** None.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jacob made a motion, seconded by Mike, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Stark.