

## 2019 0313 Forestry and Beautification Minutes

Attendees: Georgette Cole, Chair, Jay Everhart, Audrey Maskery, and Deborah Mehlferber. Joan Mahaffey also attended. Meredith Beckhardt, resident at 404 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue also attended for a public appearance.

Agenda approved by consensus with addition of Meredith Beckhardt as public appearance.

Meredith had contacted both Georgette (F&B Chair) and Audrey (Council Liaison) regarding replacement of the bush honeysuckle removed on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The plant in question was on Town land in the area where the residents of 404 and 406 park their cars. Ms. Beckhardt volunteered to have the large, rambling bush removed at her own expense. She asked for F&B to replace the bush with a more compact evergreen which will once again screen the utilities between the two houses. We agreed this could be done. We will research suitable plantings for Meredith and Jill Bloom to consider.

Nov 14 minutes: unavailable, consideration postponed.

We reviewed 2009 Master Plan Sections for sections 5 and 6. Current changes (draft dated 120518 consolidating our discussion on 11/14) were evaluated and accepted. A few changes were made. In Section 5.1 we decided to accept the Woods Committee designation of Woodward Park ending at Center Street. However, we wish to formally add MacGregor Park along the east side of Grove Road from Dorsey Street to McCauley Street. The history of this park should be researched; it was established after the death of Margaret MacGregor in 1979. Forestry and Beautification has been tending to this area for many years.

In Section 6 we agreed with the 6.1 Forest Conservation section submitted by the Woods Group. We suggest a new Section 6.2 Residential Forest. It contains (1) Town trees and arboretum and (2) Control of Non-native Invasive Plants. We discussed but did not decide if there should be a summary of the new Plant Replacement Policy in section 6.2.1.

Spring planting sites were touched on briefly. More will be covered in April.

Adjourn 9:15 pm.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10.

Submitted by Georgette Cole, F&B Chair