

## Tree Advisory Panel

### Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: April 14th, 2011

LOCATION: Oxford Community Center

#### PANEL MEMBERS and ATTENDANCE:

<b><i>Attended</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Representing</i></b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nick Seeberger	Council Ward 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Soutter	Council Ward 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Johnson	Council Ward 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb Spears	Council Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT	Council Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rich Kramer	Council Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nancy McGuiness	Council Ward 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shawn Bartsh, Chair	Business
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Morgan, Vice Chair	Private Tree Service
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeanne Weigum	Friends of Parks & Trails
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Nelson	University of Minnesota
<input type="checkbox"/>	Erick Goodlow	Parks Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Ronzani	Parks & Recreation – Design
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karl Mueller	Forestry/Panel Facilitator

OTHER CITY STAFF: Cy Kosel – Natural Resources Manager, Simon Helgeson – MN Greencorps member

OTHER GUESTS: University of Minnesota arboriculture students

#### 1. MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Vice Chair Tim Morgan.
- b. New members Nick Seeberger and Christine Soutter were introduced.
- c. The March minutes were approved.
- d. Volunteers are needed for the Como Outdoor Woodland Classroom Field Day on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Arbor Day planting is scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Crosby Farm Regional Park.

- f. The Arbor Day poster contest winner was announced. Mao C., a third-grader from Highland Park Elementary designed the 1<sup>st</sup> place poster.

2. ITEM #1 – GUEST SPEAKER CHAD GIBLIN – SCIENTIST, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

- a. Chad worked with City Arborist Chris Boche to select trees for the Payne-Phalen brownfield research site (in the southwest corner of the intersection) to see which tree species can survive in a tough planting site.
- b. Discussed techniques and materials used for better planting stock via gravel beds, root trapper planting bags, and compost-amended backfill and Hydrogel to improve soil.
- c. The Payne-Phalen research site is also used by University of Minnesota students for demonstration purposes.
- d. Showed slides of trees planted at this research site which can thrive in difficult conditions.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:03 pm