

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

East Providence Tree Commission

Regular Meeting, November 22, 2021

7:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room A

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 pm by Carol Auer, Chairperson.
2. ROLL CALL: Present: Carol Auer, Jenn Tierney, Claire Tierney, Patrick Hanner (Planning Department). Absent: Councilperson Anna Sousa, with notification, Ronald Nawrocki, Tree Warden.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. J. Tierney moved to approve minutes of August 16, 2021. C. Tierney seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. None presented.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Street tree inventory. The data collection phase has been completed. No decision has been made about ground truthing the data. Next steps could be inventory of parks and schools.
 - B. Beech tree at Weaver Library. Appropriate management actions will be taken in 2022.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Bullocks Point Avenue tree planting project (October, 2020 - present). Tree planting will occur in spring on some private properties. P. Hanner will check on the applications to the state for tree planting.
 - B. Review of city's urban forestry program in 2021. Discussion centered around accomplishments including: formation of the Tree Commission, Arbor Day celebration with the Governor, budget for "Tree City" projects, and two tree planting projects. P. Hanner suggested making an annual report to the City Council and Mayor. J. Tierney made a motion to create an annual report to be submitted in July of each year. C. Tierney seconded and motion was approved unanimously.
 - C. Urban forestry program and budget for 2022. The group discussed the unfunded position of City Urban Forester. New tree planting projects were discussed with the goal of developing site selection criteria and new maps. The need for a new policy or ordinance on the use of native plants and diverse species was discussed. Site criteria and maps will be in the next agenda. C. Auer and J. Tierney will meet on January 12, 2022 with the Head of the Parks Department to

discuss roles and initiatives. J. Tierney will tentatively attend the December 21st Conservation Commission meeting.

D. Meeting Schedule. The next commission meeting will be held January 18, 2022.

7. LIAISON REPORT. P Hanner described two grant applications to DEM for projects in city parks. The Tree Commission asked to be involved in the planting design.

8. ADJOURNMENT. J. Tierney made a motion to adjourn. C. Tierney seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed at 8:22 pm.

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