

## JUNE MINUTES HIGHLAND TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barb Stallard at 4 p.m. Those in attendance were Darrel Newman, Kathryn Comish, Barb Stallard and Mark Rosen.

Old Business: Barb told everyone there was a member search since we need 2-4 more. Josh is not renewing his seat on the commission. We should have 7 members (Mark is considered ex-officio) Elizabeth Schwarz has changed her contact information, but we don't have it. Shelia Gruender indicated that she would turn in her application and join us in the fall. Other member Ellen's daughter's health is not good.

Members reviewed papers from the Mayor, city attorney and Peg Bellm regarding Yoshino Cherry trees. There is an effort to plant spring blooming trees to be a focal point for an annual spring festival. Darrel plans to research appropriate varieties and use his forestry graduate employee Matt R. to help present a proposal. The suggestion was made to invite Peg B. Concerns include the brevity of flowering as well as unpredictable weather. We discussed possible ways to involve the community such as sponsor a tree or adopt a tree incentive. Mark Rosen suggested Paul Ray from Cabinet Gallery could be contacted for signage. (Mark had to leave the meeting early but Kathryn Comish wanted to know what steps were necessary to get a state brown arboretum sign placed at the entrance on Rt. 143.)

New Business: Kathryn volunteered to take minutes.

The 9th street resident with a dead red bud concern was already addressed by either Mark or Ryan.

Deanna Harlan submitted a proposal to purchase an American Chestnut. There is an expense attached.

The current terms of members was discussed. Barb said she had the notebook from Jeannie which we keep to record our involvement. This information is helpful if kept up to date for submitting applications for tree city, etc.

The arboretum path has weeds in the rocks, maybe needs spray killer. Suggestion was made to have planting demonstrations. Funds raised could be used for maintenance costs. Everyone was encouraged to come up with new ideas to discuss we reconvene in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Comish