

City of Pierre
Arbor Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2018

The February 2018 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall commission meeting room. Ron Schreiner called the meeting to order at 12:03pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Ron Schreiner, Chuck Humphrey and Mark Smith; Ex-Officio Members: Tom Farnsworth, Todd Kelly, and Rachel Ormseth; guest Deseree Corrales. Excused were Tony Dorschner, Art Smith and Will Smith.

Motion by Smith, second by Humphrey to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Motion carried. The agenda for this meeting was approved as presented with one addition of bird feeding.

Old Business:

Commercial Land Landscape ordinance review:

The board reviewed the proposed amendment. Intent of the amendment was good but language in the rewrite was not. Farnsworth will meet with legal counsel to re-word the amendment and bring back to the March meeting.

Tree planting guide brochure:

No report from the committee. Rachel will try to call a meeting and keep this project going so completion will be this year.

Community Orchard grant and project:

The grant has been approved but press release has not been issued by the state yet. Award of funds will be after the tree planting has taken place. Deseree had met with Kelly and they reviewed the location for layout. Deseree distributed a revised ground plan of the orchard. Current nursery trees, weather permitting, will be removed by May 1 by Park staff to ready the site for planting. Tentative fence building days are April 28-29. Planting day has been tentatively set for May 5th. Deseree has applied for a US Forest Service Pollinator Garden Grant for \$3,000 and the grant administrator will be the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons. Grant allocations will be in March. A letter of support for the grant was shared with the board as written by the District Ranger. Deseree will present the Orchard Project to the Prairie Potters Master Gardeners Club on March 6th. Local fundraising efforts were going well with projections of \$5,000 raised via advertisements and sponsors. The board thanked Deseree for this update and will continue to have her at future board meetings to keep up to date on the plan and project.

2018 Plan of Work

The board discussed the draft plan from last meeting and made some edits. The board agreed that the Community Orchard project would be the main project of the year and would be the 2018 Arbor day planting for the City.

New Business:

Spring Educational Seminar

The board discussed what to offer the community. There was consensus to ask Dr. John Ball to return to Pierre and see if Ruth Beck would want to cooperate with the City on hosting him. Tom will make the contact with Ruth to see about arrangements. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Bird Feeding

Hansen has February, M. Smith has March

In dialogue Kelly stated the airport manager wants to extend his living snow fence at the airport, which is a shelterbelt planting. Ormseth said she would look into species for a shelter belt planting to see what to recommend.

Meeting adjourned by Ron at 12:50pm.

Submitted by: Art Smith, Secretary

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, March 27th, City Hall conference room