Campus Tree Advisory Board Meeting

May 21, 2013

Landscape Services Conference Room

1:30-2:30

Present: Eileen Bergt, Richard Sutton, Coelette Gruber, Susan Budler, Emily Casper, Kirby Baird Mark Canney, Jeff Culbertson and Michael Cooper (for Charlie Griesen)

Minutes from the November 6, 2012 meeting were approved.

**Old Business:**

**Advisory Committee:**

Mark Canney, our community representative term ended 5/2013. Mark agreed to stay on for another 3 year term.

**Tree Campus USA Update:**

We have received Tree Campus status for 2012.

**Arbor Day Tree Planting, May 1, 2013:**

We planted a tulip tree on the northwest corner of Ag Communications. Several people spoke including Vice Chancellor Green.

**Service Learning Project:**

15 students with Focus Nebraska, a weeklong event focused around Earth Day helped plant 8 trees along Antelope Valley Parkway with our staff. They would also like to help on another planting project this spring.

**Discuss Goals and Targets of Tree Campus:**

We are continuing the tree inventory multi-year project as our first goal.

**GIS and Tree Inventory Update:**

We have mapped most what we can from paper maps and field verification of maps. We have also removed trees from the inventory that had been removed up to end of 2012.

Next steps – we will be working with Charlie Griesen and Rama Cheruku from FMP Utilities to develop a system for field verification of data.

Michael Cooper has been working on updating site amenities and irrigation systems. Kathie Pfaffle (GIS graduate student) worked on updating campus trees. We will be verifying maps, evaluating the condition of trees and determining caliber and tree height.

**Campus Tree Tour**

We are working on a Campus Walking Tour map that includes approximately 40 historical and significant trees on campus. Most of the trees are already labeled.

**New Business:**

**Campus Projects:**

**2012 plantings up to November 1, 2012**

**We have 118 trees planned for planting this spring.**

Spring Planting

Varner - 13

LES Replacements – 63 (6 planted as Focus Nebraska Planting)

North 17th Rec Courts – 12

Various – Arbor Day, Maxwell Friends, replacements, etc. – 30

Late Spring/Late Summer Planned Plantings - 40 +

Morrison – 12

City Plant Utility work – 8

East Stadium – 20

18th and R Residence Hall – approximately 30 in phase that will be completed this year

**Total Trees Planned to be planted: approximately 200**

**Trees removed 2012**

69 since November – 28 evergreen, 26 deciduous

26 from construction - 15 at Q Street site, 11 at Textron

Count from last Fall – trees primarily removed because of drought

East – 36: 1 for construction, 8 disease, 27 drought/heat - 34 evergreens, 2 deciduous

City – 25: 9 for construction, 2 disease, 11 drought/heat, 3 hazard – 13 evergreens, 2 deciduous

**Total: 61--November count**

**100 removed since last May**

**Campus Projects that will affect trees:**

East Campus Recreation Center – Fall construction. Had some removals already and there will be approximately 26. Parking replacement cost was waived so the south side will now have a plaza instead of parking – in line with master plan.

There are some projects coming through the pipeline, but they are in early stages of design and not all are fully funded.

**Master Plan and Landscape Guidelines Update**

Update – In September goes to the Board of Regents for approval

Tree Replacement Policy

Master Plan and Landscape Guidelines- working with Sasaki on site accessories pallet

Eileen and Jeff announced an event that is being held on Thursday, May 23rd 5:30 pm by the Friends of Maxwell Arboretum, they will be planting 3 oaks during the event.

Next Meeting

Fall 2013