



TREE BOARD MINUTES
February 6, 2009

Board Members

Present:

Scott Roederer
Sandy Burns
Bob Seifert
Mike Richardson

Absent:

Wendell Amos
Chuck Levine

QUORUM: yes

Other Present:

Russ Franklin, Bruce Kane, Dave Mahany – Public Works Staff
Scott Zurn – Public Works Director
Barb Boyer Buck – Support Staff

Arbor Day Sandy Burns reported on the results of her meeting with John Bryant, Elementary School Principal. The suggestion was that for this Arbor Day, there will be a small ceremony including the school's Student Council, local and state forestry officials, and the County Commissioner(s) with speeches and recognition followed by the planting of 3-4 trees. Then in the fall of this year, distribute small trees to the Kindergarten class which they can nurture and then have a larger planting - "The Children's Forest" - for 2010 Arbor Day. The Board discussed the downfalls of this, which included:

1. Leaving the trees inside for several months before they are planted is not optimal.
2. The children caring for the trees would be too young to properly care for the trees
3. The small ceremony on Arbor Day this year only includes a handful of children.
4. Much of the budget for Arbor Day will have been spent already by the fall.

It was decided Sandy Burns would spend \$200 to purchase something small – like pencils or stickers – to distribute something to all of the children in the school to commemorate Arbor Day and that she would revisit with John Bryant to come up with another plan for the "Children's Forest" idea.

Tree Symposium

The official "Call for Vendors" flyers was release and board members were encouraged to distribute.

It was decided to move Tom Throgmorton to the afternoon keynote position, right after lunch.

It was also decided to try and schedule additional breaks in between speakers.

After much discussion, it was decided to initiate a search for speakers and then fine-tune the schedule thereafter, per input from Dave Mahany.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Barb Boyer Buck, January 26, 2009

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, March 6, 2009, 9 a.m.