

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Chair

Harvest Park Subcommittee
Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Wednesday
November 13, 2024

3:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

The meeting was called to order at 3:01PM

PRESENT: Mark Heinlein, Chair; Iris Mayes; Suvia Judd; Tim Steury; Zena Hartung
STAFF: David Schott

1. Approval of the Harvest Park Subcommittee September 11, 2024 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Mark Heinlein

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

Tim moved to approve the minutes as presented. Zena seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 15 minutes)

None.

3. Consideration of Upcoming Plantings for West Corridor (ACTION ITEM) – Mark Heinlein

Previously, the Harvest Park Subcommittee discussed options for the West corridor for noise screening from the car wash to the west of Harvest Park. The intent is to formalize a planting plan for a spring volunteer planting project in combination with the chestnut trees planting. Ideas and a combination of ideas from the September 11, 2024 meeting included: juniper/arborvitae hedge, inter-plant trees and shrubs, plant shade trees near ADA parking area and amphitheater, and acoustic fencing on the west side of the amphitheater. Phase 1 of the infrastructure has been completed which includes access to the park for an ADA parking area.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the planting plan for the west corridor; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

The group has concerns over the quality of the park due to the proximity of the carwash. Mark believes planting for noise control will not work. He is recommending installing acoustic fencing instead. The group discussed.

They are talking about having a spring planting of the nut trees tentatively planned for March 2025.

David clarified that there isn't a gravel road through the park but a service access for emergencies or construction etc.

Iris moved to approve the spring planting plan as presented which includes a planting event. Zena seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of Annual Report to the Tree Commission (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

Staff have drafted the Harvest Park Subcommittee Annual Report to the Tree Commission. The Harvest Park Subcommittee will discuss the content of the draft report for any edits.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Harvest Park Subcommittee Annual Report to the Tree Commission; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

David presented the report.

*Copy of report attached.

Tim moved to approve the report as presented. Iris seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS / UPDATES

1. Dave Benscoter and the Lost Apple Project Apple Tree Donation – Tim Steury

Dave started the Lost Apple Project in search of apple varieties that were no longer being grown here. Dave has donated six trees to Harvest Park. The group is discussing the possibility of having a mini orchard featuring these trees.

2. Dog Leg Native Plant Society Involvement Report – Mark Heinlein

The group will start this upcoming weekend.

3. Xerces Society Pollinator Surveys – Mark Heinlein

The group has been involved with Bee City surveys for bumble bees.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Harvest Park Subcommittee meetings are held in the Mayors Conference Room of City Hall located at 206 E 3rd Street. Regular meetings in 2024 are as follows:

1. **February 12, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The group is starting to figure out the best ways to provide educational information on the varieties of plants that will be at the park.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 4:00p.m.

