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MEETING OF THE TWIN FALLS TREE COMMISSION

February 26, 2010

Twin Falls City Council Chambers
305 3rd Avenue East

AGENDA

11:00am Call to Order

1. Approve minutes of the December 18th, 2009 meeting
2. Request for Tree Removal Downtown
3. Arbor Day
4. Arbor Day Parade
5. Other Items from the Commission
6. Adjournment

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STAFF REPORT

- 1. Approve minutes of the December 18th, 2009 meeting.**
The Commission needs to approve or amend the proposed minutes.
- 2. Request for Tree Removal Downtown - Jayne Fischer**
Jayne Fischer is the owner of the Cookie Basket; she is requesting to remove the tree in front of her store located at 106 Main Avenue North. She states the tree is completely blocking her sign above the store front. Each Commission member should go by the Cookie Basket to review the situation. Photos will be available at the meeting.
- 3. Arbor Day – Staff & Commission**
The Commission and staff decided a couple of meetings ago to revert back in celebrating Arbor Day on its traditional day – the last Friday of April. This year it will be Friday April 30th. Staff is recommending having the celebration at Drury Park this year.
- 4. Arbor Day Parade – Gary Jensen**
Gary Jensen, chairman for the County's Tree Committee is requesting the Commission in helping to promote and organize the 2nd annual Arbor Day parade. The parade will be on Saturday April 24th, 12:00noon along Main Avenue, the same route as last year.
- 5. Other Items from the Commission**
Other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission want to discuss.
- 6. Adjournment**

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CHAIRPERSON		ALTERNATE			VICE-CHAIR

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

TOM COURTNEY	CITY MANAGER
GREGORY LANTING	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
DENNIS J. BOWYER	PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR
KEVIN SKELTON	PARKS COORDINATOR

TWIN FALLS CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

February 26, 2010 * * * * * 11:00am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tony Brand and Olivia Rowe

Members Absent: Sharon Buckle and Bill Manker

Non-Voting Member Absent: Dave Kiesig

Council Absent: Gregory Lanting

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer and Kevin Skelton

Guests: Gary Jensen, Twin Falls County Tree Board; Teresa Webb, student Of CSI's Horticulture program

No official meeting due to lack of quorum

Item #4 Arbor Day Parade

Gary Jensen, with the Twin Falls County Tree Board, went over the details of the Arbor Day Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday, April 24th at 11am, downtown Twin Falls. The parade will last an hour and a celebration will follow at Centennial Park at 1pm. There will be food and trees will be planted. Gary is asking that the City assist in any way they can.

Dennis explained that he sets aside money in the budget for Arbor Day and should be able to provide some assistance. He also mentioned that the parade applications and information can be added to the City's website and he will check to see if he can still add information to the water bills.

Tony volunteered to help with the parade and Dennis will ask other Commission members if they would be willing to help out.

Item #3 Arbor Day

Dennis went over the last 4 years of where trees have been planted for Arbor Day; 2006 – Harry Barry, 2007 – Vista Bonita, 2008 – Morning Sun, 2009 – Oregon Trail Youth Complex. Staff is recommending having the Arbor Day celebration at Drury Park this year.

The Commission and staff also decided to revert back in celebrating Arbor Day on its traditional day – the last Friday of April. This year it will be on Friday, April 30th. Staff is recommending having the celebration at 4pm so the Boys and Girls Club can help out and more people will be available. Tony invited the Twin Falls County Tree Board to our Arbor Day Celebration.

Item #2 Request for Tree Removal Downtown

Dennis spoke with Jayne Fischer, owner of the Cookie Basket, explaining that there wouldn't be a quorum at today's meeting and asked what day would be good to hold a special meeting to discuss the removal of a tree in front of her business. Dennis has tentatively scheduled a special meeting for Monday, March 8th at 1pm in front of the Cookie Basket.

Item #5 Other Items from the Commission

Dennis hasn't heard back to see if we have qualified for the Growth Award for 2009 yet. He feels confident that we will qualify.

Tony reported that he feels the Home and Garden Show went well with the booth we had set up. We shared a booth with the Horticulture Club and he noticed that the "Don't Top Trees" flyers went fast. Teresa Webb reported there was quite a bit of interest on information the Tree Commission had out.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be a special meeting held **Monday, March 8, 2010** at **1:15pm** at **The Cookie Basket, 106 Main Avenue North.**



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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TWIN FALLS TREE COMMISSION

March 8, 2010

**The Cookie Basket
106 Main Avenue North**

AGENDA

1:15pm Call to Order

- 1. Request for Tree Removal Downtown**
- 2. Adjournment**

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TWIN FALLS TREE COMMISSION

March 8, 2010

STAFF REPORT

1. Request for Tree Removal Downtown - Jayne Fischer

Jayne Fischer is the owner of the Cookie Basket; she is requesting to remove the tree in front of her store located at 106 Main Avenue North. She states the tree is completely blocking her sign above the store front. The Commission is meeting on site to review the request. Photos from the fall when the leaves are on the tree will be available at the meeting to review.

The Commission will need to make a recommendation to remove the tree or deny the request. If the Commission approves of the request, it should put the following conditions on the removal: 1) all removal and grinding of the stump costs shall be paid by the applicant and 2) the Commission needs to decide if a replacement tree should be required or not and that cost is also be paid by the applicant.

2. Adjournment

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TWIN FALLS CITY SPECIAL TREE COMMISSION MEETING

March 8, 2010 * * * * * 1:15pm * * * * * The Cookie Basket

Members Present: Tony Brand, Sharon Buckle and Olivia Rowe

Members Absent: Bill Manker

Non-Voting Member Absent: Dave Kiesig

Council Absent: Gregory Lanting

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer and Kevin Skelton

Guests: Jayne Fischer, owner of The Cookie Basket; Steven O'Connor, owner Of O'Dunkens

MINUTES

Chairperson Tony Brand called the meeting to order at 1:20pm. Introductions were made to Jayne Fischer and Steven O'Connor.

Item #1 Request for Tree Removal Downtown – Jayne Fischer

Jayne Fischer, owner of the Cookie Basket, is requesting to remove a Linden tree in front of her store located at 106 Main Avenue North. She feels the root system has taken over the space where the tree is planted and is concerned there isn't a lot of room to grow. She is also concerned the roots will soon buckle the sidewalk in front of her business and will have to repair the sidewalk at her expense. Jayne stated the tree is blocking her store front when the tree is in full bloom. She thinks it is a beautiful tree and would be willing to re-plant a tree of a smaller size if the Commission recommends removing the existing tree.

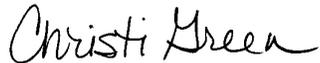
The Commission discussed their concerns with removing the tree. Kevin mentioned that staff can do some maintenance pruning to possibly thin the tree out and remove a branch or two at the bottom of the tree. He feels it will be quite some time before there will be any problems with buckling the sidewalk and it is a nice, healthy tree. The Commission feels that pruning can be done to resolve the problem of blocking the signage.

Olivia made a motion to deny the request to remove the tree located at 106 Main Avenue North. Sharon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis explained to Jayne that she can appeal the Commission's recommendation to City Council. He asked that she let him know if she decides to appeal so no extra work is done on pruning the tree before Council makes a decision.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41pm.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held **Friday, March 26, 2010** at **11:00 am** in the **City of Twin Falls Council Chambers, located at 305 3rd Ave E.**



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