



**MINUTES
ARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 18, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Village Green, 47 Hall Street

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm. Those members attending included Mike Neal and Tim Gorrell. Others present include Urban Forester Rick Frantz and Director of Development David Betz. Items discussed included the following:

I. City-wide Street Tree and Park Tree Survey Update

Rick Frantz gave a brief update on this continuing project. He stated that the only area that has yet to be surveyed is Golf Village. It is his intent to get that area surveyed by the end of the year. David Betz stated that it is important for Rick to finish this project this year as funding may not be available for his very part-time position next year. Mike Neal stated that it is very important that the City have a Certified Arborist available for the number of tree related issues that face this City. He is aware of all of the other things Mr. Frantz has worked on with the Development Department and sees the need to have budget for someone of Rick's talent. The members decided that they will discuss this issue at a future meeting.

II. 2008 & 2009 Share-the-Cost Program Update

David Betz updated the Committee on the status of the 2008 funded program being implemented this spring. He indicated that all 51 trees have been planted and that they all look great! There have been no complaints from any of the homeowners as well. The Committee agreed that this is a very successful program and should be continued.

III. Emerald Ash Borer Information & Policy

David Betz discussed with the Committee the City Council's funding of treating the ash trees that are in high visibility places, such as Downtown, along Bennett Parkway, and within Murphy Park among other places. This budget is \$5,000 for 2009, and will need to be continued as treatment will be necessary for oncoming years. The Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan was discussed (see attached). This plan allows for a mixture of treatment and removal of ash trees. The Committee feels this is the most prudent way to manage the ash trees that we have on public land. Ash trees on private property will have to be managed by each individual property owner. The Committee then unanimously adopted this plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.