



## MINUTES

### ARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Village Green Municipal Building

47 Hall Street

December 7, 2010

5:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Members attending included Mike Neal, Andy Brenner, and Tim Gorrell. Staff present included David Betz, Director of Development.

The following agenda items were discussed:

#### I. Possible Ash Tree Removal Grant

Mr. Betz discussed the details of the proposed Grant Application materials and provided the Committee a draft of the proposed grant application and materials. He said that he has worked with the Falcon Ridge HOA with regard to this idea, and they have provided a letter of support for their portion of the grant. The grant request will be for just over \$12,000. The trees to be removed include the Downtown Streetscape, Grace Drive from about Cochran Electric building south, and in Falcon Ridge on Aspenknoll Drive and Shalebrook Drive. New tree plantings, as outlined in the grant proposal, will be located on Aspenknoll and Shalebrook Drives.

Mr. Neal expressed regret about the fact that treatment didn't work downtown, but it is to be expected that it will not work all of the time. He did, however, state that he is for the submittal of this grant request as it relates to both commercial and residential areas, and we have a subdivision HOA that wishes to participate.

Mr. Brenner and Mr. Gorrell also expressed their desire for the City to apply for the grant.

Motion made by Mike Neal to recommend to City Council that the grant be submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brenner. All were in favor of the motion and it was passed.

#### II. Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan

Mr. Betz presented to the Committee an amended Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan for the City. He indicated that it has been updated and utilizing the state model, based the plan on details that make it compatible to the City of Powell. Mr. Neal voiced concerns over the lack of funding for treating

the ash trees to prevent EAB infestation however he understands the situation the City is in. Mr. Gorrell noted that the plan as now written accomplishes what the Committee has previously discussed. Mr. Brenner indicated he likes how the current plan is now worded as it relates to as funding becomes available.

Motion by Mr. Gorrell and seconded by Mr. Brenner to adopt the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. All were in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

- III. Bartholomew Run Removal/Replanting Project Update  
Mr. Betz gave an update with regard to the end of the first phase of this project. It is complete and the second phase is being planned and in the process of bidding. This is for the replacement of bad Bradford Pear trees in Bartholomew Run with a mixture of street trees. The second phase will be the last phase. This project has come in well under the original projected budget.
- IV. Share-the-Cost Tree Planting Program Update  
The City Council has temporarily eliminated this program from the budget for 2011, due to declining revenues. Mr. Betz explained that as we look to the future toward grants, we may be able to resurrect this program.
- V. Adjournment (Next Meeting: TBD)  
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.