

Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes November 3, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Attendance: Commissioners: Mike Schrage, Brandon Krumwiede, Mike Pennington, Judy Gibbs, Brian Fredrickson, John Lindgren, Nancy Schuldt, Allison Ray. **Absent:** Tiffany Sprague

City Staff: Diane Desotelle, Natural Resources Coordinator; Clark Christenson, City Forester; Jim Filby Williams, Director of Property, Parks & Libraries; Jennifer Ondrik, Administrative Specialist.

Call to Order:

The meeting started at 6:04 p.m.

Old Business

Strategic Public Lands Re-alignment Project

The Commission agreed to continue this discussion at an upcoming Commission meeting.

New Business

None.

Natural Resources Coordinators Report

Diane has been coordinating the on-going work for invasive species control in Hartley, Lincoln Park, DWP trail corridor (off of Raleigh Street and S 71st Ave W) and along the Western Waterfront Trail (from Kingsbury Bay to Blackmer Park). The 2021 season is wrapping up and discussions are underway for 2022 work. She also informed the Commission of schedule updates related to the Natural Resources Management Program Plan's workshop and Commission review and decision points.

Forester's Report

Clark informed the Commission that the agreement with the Ikes has been completed and is expected to be finalized after approval by the Spirit Mountain Recreation Board and City Council. The 2021 State LiDAR (3-d laser scanning) flights are complete and the City offered to provide on the ground data collection to assist with the calibration. This will be beneficial to the City as this data will be valuable in future natural resource work surveys and assessments. In addition, buckthorn was found during in Magney-Snively and crews are working to control this patch to protect the high quality forest. Work continues on the Forest Revitalization in preparation to send out a request for proposals. Finally, Clark has updated property owners around Skyline Parkway related to a request to clear vegetation to improve the viewshed.

Director's Report (Jim Filby Williams – Director of Property, Parks, & Libraries)

Director Filby Williams did not have additional updates for the Commissioners.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48, M/S/C