

5. Urban Forest Update

Cari Dillman, Community Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Manager Dillman and Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, responded to questions from the Committee regarding appropriate use of water bags, qualification criteria for Tree City USA designation, possible reasons for the reduction in numbers of trees affected by Invasive Shot Hole Borer and Pine Bark Beetle, instances of tree vandalism, and possible topics for future outreach.

Chair Brower complimented staff on the two tree removals at Tenango Road and Smith Drive.

Chair Brower invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that no written public comment had been received on this item.

Barnabas Path spoke in support of the shift in focus toward the quality of the urban forest over the quantity of trees. Mr. Path stated that significant changes were made during the 2011 update to the *Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual*.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Chair Brower closed public comment.

Manager Dillman and Director Swan responded to questions from the Committee regarding attributes and metrics considered when evaluating the quality of the urban forest, and the availability of tree health data.

Chair Brower complimented staff on the improved health of the urban forest and thanked them for taking good care of the trees, valuable to all citizens.

Committee Member Binder enjoyed participating in the Arbor Day event and learning about how to assess the quality of nursery stock when planting.

Chair Brower moved to recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission receive and file the report, seconded by Committee Member Binder, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: ***Committee Member – Binder, Brower***
NOES: ***Committee Member – None***
ABSENT: ***Committee Member – Sifuentes***

6. Semi-Annual Reporting of Urban Forest Maintenance Activities

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