

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

Minutes 9 21 23 Approved: 10 19 23

6:00 PM Auburn Sr. Center

Present: Dave Griswold, Zoe Lidstrom, Steve Murch, Jeremy Lavertu, Sam Boss, Noel Skelton

Excused:

Absent: Rhyanna Larose, Cassidy Cloutier

-Call to Order – 6:33

- 8 17 23 minutes: Approved

-Public Participation: None-

1. **Bittersweet workshop next steps:** Dave and Carol Lane are working on a video to summarize the workshop content for broader distribution. Plan is to finish this fall.

2. Plaque on Auburn tree planted for TCUSA celebration is fading. Possibility of returning to vendor for replacement with better lettering.

3. **Auburn Tree planting:** Noel expects to plant about 60 trees this year. Meetings with Schools are set for next week to plan Project Canopy grant funded plantings at the schools. Noel hopes to involve students and will keep the group informed about the schedule. Noel has assisted residents with tree planting when asked.

4. **Strategic Plan Review:**

- Strategic Plan should be provided to new members.
- Chart with member information is difficult to keep up to date. Suggest just listing members who are involved with the new document.
- List or reference City Ordinances that apply to the community forest. Lewiston: Community Forest Ordinance. Auburn: Street Tree Ordinance, Public Woodlot Ordinance, Street Tree Sustainability Ordinance, SNRB Ordinance. (others?)
- Reference the Nursery agreement
- Priority Goal 1.5: Find new ways to communicate with City Councils
- Priority Goal 2: Review Nursery lease, focus on deer control, nursery maintenance, species selection, improved signage

- Priority Goal 3: focus on ways to improve keeping street tree inventory up to date. Bates students might contribute?
- Priority Goal 4: Dave will send Auburn Forest Management Plan
- Established and Ongoing Activities Goal 3: Collaborate with ALT, LAW PAC
- Established and Ongoing Activities Goal 4: Work with City publicity staff to communicate with the public. Potential activities: improve signage; Set tree planting goals including trees planted on private properties; raffle for tree planters.

5. **Arborist Apprenticeships:** Sam raised the possibility of developing apprenticeship programs for City Arborist workers, to help attract new employees.

New Business: None

Adjourn: 7:55