

Dallas Center Tree Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7:00pm  
Meeting location: Legion Hall

Tree Board members present:

Gary Park, Chair  
Hannah Slaughter, Vice Chair  
Greg Cagle, Secretary  
Bob German, ex officio member  
Andy Schmitz, ex officio member  
Mary Werch, Liaison from Parks and Recreation

Absent:

Brian Slaughter, ex officio member

Gary Park called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Public communications and concerns: Julie Becker requested that Tree Board meetings be recorded and the recordings made available to the public.

Motion by Hannah Slaughter, second by Gary Park to approve the minutes of the April 14th meeting. Motion passed, 3-0.

The idea of developing a not recommended tree list was discussed, with Callery Pear being a recent example of an undesirable planting. Andy will work on it.

Tree removals - no update available.

The May 1st Arbor Day celebration and tree giveaway was a success. We gave away 200 seedlings to approximately 80 residents. The Seven Son Flower seedlings were not included as planned because they were too small. Andy volunteered to care for them at the arboretum and hopefully we will be able to give them away next year.

The board reviewed the current draft of an ordinance being proposed by the Planning and Zoning Commission with some revised requirements for new subdivisions. In particular, the draft ordinance clarifies that street trees be planted in the right of way between the sidewalk and pavement edge except in special circumstances with Council approval. The proposed ordinance has the support of the Tree Board.

Andy has been working with Nathan Gruver of ISG on the tree list for the Phase 1 / downtown portion of the Walnut Street green corridor. The board discussed several refinements to the draft list which Andy will communicate back to Nathan. The idea of including a permanent irrigation system in the Phase 1 project was also discussed.

Work on a proposal for new trees at the library is still in progress.

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 – Legion Hall, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 – Legion Hall, 7:00pm  
Wednesday, August 11th, 2021 – tree inspection tour, 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.