



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
04:00 pm

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1. Review of agenda flow:

a. Call to Order/Call the Roll – Susan Quintenz, Chair,

The City attorney suggested to the Tree Commission when reviewing applications that only those who are voting sit at the desk and the rest move to the audience, to avoid confusion on who is voting.

1. Establish a quorum –

Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Susan Quintenz; Jim Wilson; Sheila Straub; Larry Helman; Linda Zupnick; Celeste Williams; Mollie O'Donnell; Ellen Bowden; and Barb Giller

Absent:

Excused: Dave Wakeman

Non-Voting Present:

b. Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2019 – Mrs. Quintenz

Ms. Celeste Williams asked for a correction regarding Arbor Day Events. She asked that "animals who benefit from trees" be removed.

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Sheila Straub made a motion to Approve - 'the minutes of April 17, 2019 as amended.' Motion seconded by Larry Helman. **Vote 9 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Celeste Williams, Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden, and Barb Giller.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Dave Wakeman.

c. Announcements/Small Victories/Professor Markham/Residents' Comments

a. Professor Markham – Graphic Attached

Council member Troy Markham quizzed the Tree Commission on his favorite test question. Please see attachment to view questions.

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b. Other

Ms. Barb Giller shared with the Tree Commission that Bexley in Bloom has collected to date over \$10,000.00 from 96 donations. This is on target from last year.

The Bexley Beautification fund will be meeting June 10, 2019 to review any grant request.

Mr. Larry Helman wanted to discuss the street trees along E. Broad and if the Tree Commission selected the right tree for the area. A discussion was held among the commission regarding the topic.

2. **Applications to be reviewed -**

a. 2399 South Commonwealth Park

Ms Elena Andrews presented her staff review for 2399 S Commonwealth Park. The resident is proposing planting in the right of way along S Drexel ave. The plant material fits in well for the area and is varied in height. The proposed shrubs are 18-24 inches.

Mr. Joe Doble with Garden Design LLC presented the landscape plan before the Tree Commission. The goal for the design is to add screening for the residents and add screening for the tennis court. Any noxious weeds will be removed and replaced with the proposed plant material. To have year round screening, evergreens are being proposed. The proposed plant material will also have an irrigation system and will be properly pruned to maintain any line of sight issues and will be clear of the sidewalk for pedestrian traffic. The proposed fence will be historically accurate to the home. Research was done so the fence will match architectural design elements of the home.

The proposed material for the fence is cedar. They would like to install landscape as soon as possible.

A discussion was held regarding the maintenance of the plant material among the Tree Commission. The applicant assured the Commission that the sidewalk will be clear and the plant material will be maintained.

2399 Commonwealth Park Plan - Drexel Border

2399 Commonwealth Park Plan

2399 Commonwealth Park South Tree Commission Staff Review 4-24-19

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Drexel border before 3

Drexel border in prog 2

Drexel border in progress 1

Drexel border in progress 3

Drexel Border Rendering

Plant List Size & Quantity

Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - '2399 S Commonwealth Park landscape in right-of-way approved as presented' Motion seconded by Mollie O'Donnell. **Vote 10 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Celeste Williams, Dave Wakeman, Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden, and Barb Giller.

AGAINST: None.

b. Blue Spot Yoga

Ms. Elena Andrews presented her staff report for 396 N Cassady - Blue Spot Yoga to the Tree Commission. The landscape will take place along Cassady and Ruhl. Ms. Elena Andrews suggested to the Tree Commission they exclude the patio design for any approval and table for any future review.

The landscape plan was presented by Mr. Joaquin Serantes. The goal for the landscape plan is to bring all the elements of the building and parking lot together. The parking lot will remain as is. The curb cuts will be removed by the city along Ruhl Ave. Proposed landscape along Cassady Ave will include low shrubs to conceal low concrete

pedestal that are currently in place for the lighting system. 20 taxus plants are proposed to be planted along Cassady Ave and 50 of the taxus plants will be planted along Ruhl Ave. AEP has boxes along Cassady Ave and they will not be concealed by plant material, there is not enough room in front of the boxes for plant material. Ms. Linda Zupnick asked if there are guarantees for any proposed plant material, to which, Mr. Joaquin Serantes responded that the plants will be 24 inches at center and 24 inches tall. The trees will be 3 inches in calipers. There is no proposed plan to irrigate the site.

Mr. Chuck, an electrical coordinator from Smith Handy, came forward to share with the Tree Commission about the plans for up-lighting the signage for Blue Spot Yoga. One existing concrete pedestal will be removed as it serves no purpose. Mr. Chuck is unsure of another existing concrete pedestal and its uses. 4 lights are proposed to be removed and replaced with black poles and square LED heads.

A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding the lighting in the parking lot, curb cut removal, and the patio.

(03-27-19) Site Plan for Tree Commission- Rev 2-A0.1

396 N Cassady Rd_Tree Commission Staff Review_Revised 4-3-19

396 N. Cassady Bluespot Narrative

Landscape Rendering_Cassady Ave Elevation 03-26-19

Landscape Elevation_Ruhl Ave Elev 03-27-19

Larry Helman made a motion to Approve - 'Landscape for 396 N Cassady approved with conditions:

1. Remove unnecessary concrete pedestal(s) in planting bed by new sign.
 2. Follow up with staff review and approval of the location and final selection of the parking lot lights and lighting for sign.
 3. Follow up with staff review and approval of final parking lot layout.
 4. Patio adjacent to building omitted from approval. Patio design will need to be brought forward to the Tree Commission for approval prior to future installation.
 5. All plant material will be reviewed annually, Any dead or inviable plant material will need to be replaced.'
- Motion seconded by Sheila Straub. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Celeste Williams, and Dave Wakeman.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden, and Barb Giller.

c. 280 South Columbia

Ms. Elena Andrews presented her staff report for the new build located at 280 S. Columbia. The documentation Ms. Elena Andrews asked for was provided and the overall proposed landscape design is appropriate for the site. There were some shrubs that were removed along Columbia in order to gain access to the sewer lines. Some damage was done to two existing trees which are proposed to be removed, which

include, an Ash tree located closer to the street, and an Oak tree. 4 new horn beams have been proposed for planting in the center, 3 Kousa Dogwoods have been proposed, and 1 Redbud proposed to the overall landscape plan.

Due to the poor condition of the site, the Building Department issued a stop work order on the site and work was not permitted for about 1 week until the condition of the site was appropriate. The City Arborist, Mr. Grant Archer, has been on site and working with contractors to make sure the existing trees have the proper protection plan in place.

The landscape plan was presented by Mr. Kevin Fallona from Ciminello's Inc. Mr. Kevin Fallona is proposing the removal of 4 trees. The existing Ash tree and Oak tree will affect the proposed turn around driveway. A smaller existing tree is located in the middle of the proposed driveway. The last existing tree is located on the corner and the tree is dying and being removed for any safety concerns. The existing brick curb at the approach have been removed, however, the bricks have been saved and will be replaced. Mr. Larry Helman shared his thoughts regarding a change of the new home. What was once a backyard and screened in one way is now front yard and believes the applicant should have the right to have a front lawn that goes all the way to the sidewalk. A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding the landscape design.

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280 S. Columbia Ave Tree Commission Staff Review 5-6-19

280 S. Columbia Draft Landscape

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South Columbia Avenue Plot Plan

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Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - 'plan as presented including the removal of the indicated trees on the property.' Motion seconded by Celeste Williams. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Celeste Williams, and Dave Wakeman.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden, and Barb Giller.

d. CoGo Bike Share – Clifton Avenue

Ms. Elena Andrews presented the landscape plan for the CoGO bike share stations located along Clifton Ave. The CoGO bikes stations within Bexley are out performing those stations in Upper Arlington. The goal for the plant material is to be simple and low maintenance. A 4 foot bed will be added around the perimeter of the bike station. 3 Taxus are being proposed at each end. Behind the bike station proposed plant material include Ninebark, Fine line Buckthorn, and Yew all of which are hardy plants. The proposed plants will be alternating and will add some screening while maintaining a line of sight.

Mr. Bill Dorman shared with the Tree Commission that per contract CoGo must always have bikes at each station. He also shared that the placement of the bike stations are not permanent and can be moved, if needed.

A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding the CoGo signage.

COGO Clifton Station Unified Planning Application

COGO Clifton Station_5-6-19

COGO Clifton Station_Tree Commission Staff Review_5-6-19

Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - 'the landscape design as presented including the addition of groundcover in beds per staff recommendation.' Motion seconded by Sheila Straub. **Vote 6 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Linda Zupnick, Celeste Williams, and Dave Wakeman.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: Larry Helman, Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden, and Barb Giller.

3. **Mayor's Report:**

a. Havenwood Landscape Planning Proposal - Updates

An updated will be provided at the June Tree Commission meeting.

b. City Council Ordinances:

1. Planting in the Right Of Way

c. Arbor Day – Tree Give Away

Arbor Day was well attended. The planting of the trees at Montrose was rained out, but the trees were still planted.

d. Other

Bexley clean-up day had over 500 vehicles come through. The drug-take back collected over 100 lbs. of unused prescription drugs.

The Main Event will be held Friday May 24, 2019 and will be playing the "Greatest Showman." On Sunday, May 26, 2019 the Jazz in the Park event will be held at Havenwood Park with a Food Truck Festival brought to us by the Bexley Area Chamber of Commerce. On Monday, May 27, 2019 the Memorial Day Service will be held at Drexel Circle and begins at 11:00.

7. **Staff Reports:**

a. Bill Dorman, Service Director, City of Bexley

Two residents have come forward with a request to remove sweet gum trees. One is located at 2658 Bryden and the other is located at 680 Vernon. A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding the removal of the request. Both applications have been tabled for the June meeting so the members can get more information regarding the conditions of both trees.

Removal form

1. Calming Circles on Gould

The project for the calming circles along Gould is still an on-going project.

2. Broad and Gould Construction drawings and timeline

Will be reaching out to MKSK and will be moving forward with the plan. The goal is to have the area done by the fall.

3. Arbor Day Activities

4. Broad Street Medians

The area near St. Charles has been planted. More plant material was added to the bed. Flower baskets will all be hung before Memorial Day. 20 new Hydrangeas have been added, 3 on the east side and 17 on the south side. 5 more rhus aromatica "gro-low", and 12 more Bottle Brush Buckeye have all been added.

b. Troy Markham – City Council Liaison

5. Old Business

a. North Cassady project/City of Columbus – Bill Dorman

A meeting was held with the City of Columbus regarding road improvements that will take place along Cassady Ave and Fifth Ave. Sidewalks and curbs are a part of the proposed plan. The project is expected to take place in 2022.

b. Arboretum Booklet Scope – Jim Wilson – What's your favorite tree?

Mr. Jim Wilson is looking for recommendations for the 10 best street trees.

c. Priorities for 2019 – Drexel Circle and Main Street Guidelines – Dave Wakeman, Larry Helman, Mollie O'Donnell

A meeting will be held at Drexel Circle at noon on Tuesday 21, 2019

4. Staff Report: Elena Andrews, consulting Landscape Designer

a. Ohio Savings Bank – trees in ROW and fence

Ms. Elena Andrews provided an update regarding the Ginko trees that are to be planted in front of the new Ohio State Bank. MKSK has agreed to add Ginkos and will incorporate the landscape design to match the Alum Creek trial.

b. Other

An update was provided regarding the Main Street guidelines. Mr. Larry Helman has a tentative list of questions and meetings will take place Tuesday May 21 and Wednesday May 29, 2019. Updates will be provided at the June meeting.

Ms. Barb Giller and Ms Ellen Bowden have been assigned to work on gateways.

6. New Business;

- a. Request for Banner on Drexel Circle – Bexley Community Foundation – Info attached

The Bexley Community Foundation is requesting a temporary banner to be placed at Drexel Circle. A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding the signage.

Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - 'Temporary banner located at Drexel Circle to notify residents of the Art at the Mansion and to direct the chair to appointment a committee to create a policy.' Motion seconded by Larry Helman. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Jim Wilson, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Celeste Williams, Dave Wakeman, Ellen Bowden, and Barb Giller.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: Susan Quintenz, and Sheila Straub.

ABSENT: Mollie O'Donnell.

- b. Other
Fact Sheet for mailing.(1)

Banner for Drexel Circle - 2 (2)