



CITY OF LOWELL
ARBOR BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019 AT 12 NOON

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - a. September 9, 2019 – Regular Meeting
4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Commemorative Trees – Cost of Plaques
 - b. Landscaping around Fence at Cemetery
 - c. Additional Tree Options for Downtown
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Spring Plantings
8. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
12 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 12:18 p.m. and City Clerk Susan Ullery called roll.

Present: Perry Beachum, Jim Salzwedel and Chair Reagan

Absent: Diane LaWarre and Melissa Spino.

Also Present: Lowell Light and Power Steve Shade, City Clerk Susan Ullery and Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by SALZWEDEL approve the agenda as written.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by BEACHUM to approve the regular minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting as written.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED.

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by SALZWEDEL to approve

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Ullery read a letter into record from Kay Thorne regarding trees planted at Pebble Beach Apartments.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- a. Commemorative Trees. Beachum stated the Parks Commission has been reviewing a standard bronze plaque with Lowell Granite Company. Whomever donated the tree would incur this cost. Czarnecki stated he would check into this and report back at the next meeting.
- b. Landscaping around Fence at Cemetery. Beachum explained how the idea of the fence project came about. Czarnecki stated he would landscaping ideas back to the next meeting.
- c. 800 Block of Jefferson – Trees Growing in Right of Way – Trim or Offer Replacement. Czarnecki stated he is going to look further into this. Beachum mentioned there is a dead tree on the east side of North Washington. It was noted this is not going to effect the power lines. Lowell Light and Power does have a policy though that if trees are near the power lines, they can be taken down at

no expense to the property owner. Maybe this should be discussed with the City Manager and/or City Attorney.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. **Fall Plantings.** The board discussed trees along Main Street and what should be removed. A suggestion was made to remove every other one for a couple years. Reagan thought the trees were fine as is. Beachum noted the root system and some trees are getting too big for the space. There will end up being a cost to fix the sidewalks. Reagan suggested tall and narrow trees if they are replaced.

Czarnecki will provide more information regarding replacement trees for the spring planting. He asked Shade if Lowell Light and Power could remove stumps as well. Shade was unsure, but believed it would have to be contracted out. Czarnecki stated he would come back with some ideas and a plan.

8. **BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS.**

Ullery mentioned Look grants are due the end of October.

Reagan stated he was going to stop and Betten Baker to make sure they received their Arbor Day Tree.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by BEACHUM to adjourn at 12:45 p.m.
YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

James E. Reagan, Chair

Susan Ullery, Recording Secretary

Memorandum



PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: October 9, 2019

TO: Arbor Board

FROM: Daniel Czarnecki, Public Works Director

RE: Commemorative Trees, Plaques

I met up with Jeff Wilterink at Lowell Granite Company and discussed the plaques they can have made for placement. They provided the bronze plaque for the tree that was planted at the riverfront near the boat launch in memory of Jim Hall. A picture of the plaque is attached.

This is a standard sized bronze plaque that measures 9-inches long by 5-inches tall. Up to 3 lines can be placed on the plaque, with approximately 16-18 characters per line. The cost for this plaque was quoted to me for \$275.

There are several trees and other markers that have been placed around the community that are made of a green plastic material, with white lettering. These were purchased locally at a cost of less than \$100. These are smaller than the brass plaques.

Memorandum



PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: October 10, 2019

TO: Arbor Board

FROM: Daniel Czarnecki, Public Works Director

RE: Oakwood Cemetery Plantings

There has been a request to review the possibility of having some type of plantings installed in front of the white privacy fencing that has recently been constructed at the Oakwood Cemetery. The fencing is at the northern portion of the cemetery.

In discussing plantings with the cemetery maintenance personnel and the DPW personnel, concern was given about having enough room between the fencing and any plantings for maintenance purposes. Also, caution was given on planting anything between the roadway and the fence. This area is about 15 ft wide and is used for parking during burial services. Planting here would interfere with that use.

Plantings along the east fence could be possible. Trees would be preferred as there is no irrigation available for flowers/bushes. Trees will need to be watered until established but once they are growing well they most likely will not need watering.

My suggestion would be to plant colorful type trees along this area. I would suggest a Japanese Maple (Bloodgood) with a columnar type Eastern Red Cedar (Blue Eastern) evergreen between them to offset the color differences in front of the white fence. These should be planted about 8-12 ft off the fence to allow for growth and room to maintain the grass.

Memorandum



DATE: October 10, 2019

TO: Arbor Board

FROM: Daniel Czarnecki, Public Works Director

RE: Downtown Street Trees

PUBLIC WORKS

As requested, I have reviewed some possible trees that could be planted in our downtown along Main St., as well as parking lots and maybe side streets. There was discussion on what kind of trees would be preferred, decorative ornamental (flowering) type or shade trees. Both have their good points and both can have negative issues associated with them.

Trees in a business area can be looked at negatively from a business owners prospective. As they grow they tend to block a building façade, which a downtown business likes to have open so customers can more easily find their store. As the leaves come down in the fall they tend to track into stores and need to be cleaned up. In the spring some trees can give off seed pods or flower petals that can track into buildings too. And there are some trees that give off an odor as they are blooming in the spring.

Sometimes forgotten with trees are their positive aspects. Trees (and planters) break up the visual monotony of brick buildings, concrete sidewalks, and asphalt streets, adding to the character of a downtown shopping area. In the heat of the summer a nice shade tree can provide relief for customers walking along the sidewalks to the business they want to frequent. The spring flowers can be an awakening for customers to get out and visit businesses as the weather begins to turn nice. Crisp fall days as the leaves are changing color can be a nice draw to bring the people out and visit the community.

Either way trees can have an effect on a downtown area. I believe most studies show that a nicely landscaped downtown, areas with trees, flowers, and other comforting amenities help draw customers to an area. It's up to the business to draw those people inside their stores.

I have researched trees, both ornamental and shade, that would do well in a downtown setting. The list are trees I have seen used in downtown landscaping. Most are narrow growing and tolerant to the soils, temperatures, and salts that can be found along the streets. There are other trees that could easily be added to this list.

POSSIBLE DOWNTOWN STREET TREES

Shade Trees:

Norway Maple (Emerald Queen, Columnar, Crimson)

Trident Maple (Chinese, Streetwise)

American Elm (Princeton, Accolade, Frontier)

Ginko Biloba (Princeton Sentry)

Zelkova (Japanese, Columnar)

Ornamental (Flowering):

Cherry (Columnar Sargent Cherry)

Pear (Chanticleer Callery)

Japanese Lilac (Ivory Silk, Golden Eclipse)

Crabapple (Spring Snow, Adams)

Tulip Tree (Columnar, Emerald City)

Crape Myrtle (Tree)