

December 20, 2018

To: Pflugerville City Council

From: Pflugerville Tree Care Advisory Board (TCAB)

Regarding: Submission of Annual Report of Activities by the TCAB

In accordance with City Ordinance 95.42 Establishment of a Tree Care Advisory Board the Pflugerville Tree Care Advisory Board wishes to submit its annual report of activities.

1. Coordinating and promoting Arbor Day activities – The annual Nature Pfest was held in Pfluger Park in April 2018. Nature Pfest used to be the Arbor Day Celebration until the Texas Legislature moved Texas Arbor Day to the first Friday in November. Nature Pfest is publicized by the City and PISD and held in association with three PISD elementary schools in close proximity to Pfluger Park. Tree Folks, a local area tree related non-profit organization, participated with this event by conducting a tree identification activity. Texas Arbor Day was celebrated by the planting of approximately 9 native species trees at Pfluger Park on November 2, 2018. The Texas Arbor Day tree planting was publicized through City of Pflugerville social media, including the City web page, City Events and City News, the City Facebook page and Key to the City. City staff, Texas A&M Forest Service staff and approximately 3 volunteers from the American Legion were present and assisted in planting and mulching the newly planted trees.
2. Developing and updating a five year plan to plant and maintain trees on City property - The TCAB five year plan to date is the following: **1.** Identify locations for tree plantings in parks and along trails (FY18-FY23). **2.** Add on to irrigation systems where it can aid in the watering of new trees (FY18-FY23). **3.** Identification of pest related and other tree diseases in our parks and trails, to include training of park staff in spotting these problems. Possible hiring of consultant to help with training (FY18- FY23). An additional “Action Item” was added that was to conduct at least three (3) tree plantings per year including Arbor Day.
3. Developing public awareness and education programs relating to trees - The City booth at Nature Pfest and the Tree Folks partnering with the City delivers information about the benefits of trees. The promotion of Texas Arbor Day in the Key to the City newsletter had a link to the Arbor Day Foundation which has video and text on the proper methods of tree planting and tree care. The City website has a page dedicated to our Tree City USA status and information with links to the Arbor Day Foundation tree care information.
4. Reviewing Parks and Recreation Department concerns relating to tree care - This is done at PARC meetings on an as-needed basis by the Parks and Recreation Dept.

Information on tree care can also be requested by PARC members to be placed on the agenda for future discussion and or action.

5. Submitting an annual report of its activities to the City Council - This document will serve as the TCAB annual report.
6. Submitting the annual application to renew the Tree City USA designation - This is done at the end of every year, currently by the Parks and Rec. Assistant Director, Sheila Wiora.
7. The Tree Care Advisory Board at its Regular October Meeting discussed the residential tree planting requirements and is recommending the following requirements for tree plantings, as part of the Unified Development Code, be added or amended to state the following, and be applied to new developments with the city of Pflugerville:
 - 3 Trees planted per >5750 sq. foot lot of new single-family home
 - Tree plantings required at new school campuses
 - Require 1 – 2% of all bond funding to go towards landscaping
 - Establish a goal of 20% tree canopy coverage by 2025
8. Further duties that may be assigned by the City Council - No further duties noted as of December 20, 2018.

The Tree Care Advisory Board would like to thank all the City staff and community volunteers that volunteered to help with Nature Pfest and helped make Texas Arbor Day a great success in 2018. By celebrating both events, the TCAB believes that the City as a whole will better benefit from the promotion and knowledge concerning tree planting and tree care in Pflugerville, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

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