

November 21, 2019

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 2019. 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. The Texas A&M Forest Service was also present to lead the Project Learning Tree: Every Tree For Itself activity.
2. Texas Arbor Day was celebrated by the planting of approximately 12 native species trees at Cambridge Heights Park on November 1, 2019. 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 12 volunteers from Camp Gladiator, the Rotary and American Legion were present and assisted in planting and mulching the newly planted trees.
3. 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 (FY19-FY24). **2.** Add on to irrigation systems where it can aid in the watering of new trees (FY19-FY24). **3.** In future fiscal years, the identification of pest related and other tree diseases in our parks and trails, to include training of park staff in spotting these problems will occur. Along with the possible hiring of consultant to help with training.
4. Developing public awareness and education programs relating to trees - The City booth at Nature Pfest where the City of Pflugerville partners with the Texas A&M Forest Service and Tree Folks to help disseminate information on 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.
5. 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.

6. Submitting an annual report of its activities to the City Council - This document will serve as the TCAB annual report.

7. 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.

8. Further duties that may be assigned by the City Council - No further duties noted as of November 21, 2019.

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 2019. 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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