

## **Minutes of the Highland Tree Commission Meeting**

**Korte Recreation Center**

**June 5, 2012**

**Members Present:** Kathryn Comish, Josh Hetley, Jeannie Korte, Bill Peck, Mark Rosen, Barb Stallard

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Peck at 4:00pm. The minutes of the April meeting were approved. Note that there was no meeting last month due to the Arbor Day celebration on April 26 which took the place of the May meeting.

There were no guests or resident requests.

### **Old Business**

HNL Arbor Day Celebration – Bill reported that the Arbor Day Celebration was well covered in the May 10 edition of the Highland News Leader. Several color photos and a short article filled more than a quarter of a page. Color photos have also accompanied the favorite tree series of articles and have garnered a lot of attention.

Tree Hunt Contest Booklets – Barb reported that several locations are out of the Tree Hunt Contest booklets. It was decided to print 50 more. The original 100 booklets were printed at a cost of \$2.85 each. Jeannie will check to see if we can get a lower rate on the booklets which were printed by the Chamber office.

Mike Miller Visit – Mike Miller was guest speaker at the May Garden Club meeting which was held at the Elementary School Auditorium. It was well attended and several TC members were there. Mike gave a very informative and engaging talk on a variety of gardening and plant related topics.

Favorite Tree Article Update – Kathryn's favorite tree article is due to be published in this week's edition of the News Leader. That will leave just one article remaining – Darrel Newman's. Barb has been providing introductory paragraphs for the articles.

Tree Hunt Prizes and Signs – Prizes need to be determined for the Tree Hunt. Josh stated that he could get a number of small trees. Darrel said in a previous meeting that he could donate something and that he would contact booklet advertisers to see if they would donate something as well. Trees, plants and plant related prizes would be appropriate. We would like to list the prizes in a mid-summer press release about the contest.

Signs still need to be placed by the contest trees. Barb has a number of metal stakes, but needs to place wording on them that is weather resistant. Jeannie suggested contacting Everlasting Etch. They provided stickers for the planters the Chamber sold last month. Barb will check with Everlasting Etch. (Note: Barb subsequently ordered stickers, black with silver lettering with the words "You've found me! Highland Jubilee Tree Hunt." The stickers will cost \$4 each and will be weather resistant.)

### **New Business**

Invasive Species Video – Bill learned from Dick Aten that there is a series of 60 second PSA's on a variety of subjects including invasive species and plant health. He encouraged TC members to check them out at [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov).

City Cemetery Oak Tree – Mark reported that an ancient oak tree in the City Cemetery is dying and may need to be removed. He asked TC members to take a look at it. It is located at the top of the hill behind the maintenance shed to the East.

Announcement – Bill announced that he would be leaving the Tree Commission at the end of his term this month. He has a number of family commitments that require his attention at this time. Two other TC members, Jeannie Korte and Barb Stallard, will be leaving as well, though Barb and Jeannie will stay on to see the Tree Hunt Contest through and/or until replacements are found. All three have served six years on the Tree Commission.

Latzer Arbor Day Display – Bill has accumulated a good deal of material for the Arbor Day displays at the library. Since he will leave the TC, he will no longer be doing the display and is looking for a home for the material. Mark said that he should bring what he has to his office at the Rec Center.

New TC Members – Members were asked to be thinking of replacements for the TC members leaving. A chairman also needs to be determined. Barb will fill in as chairman for the September meeting if none is found before then.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm. The next meeting will be September 4 at 4:00pm. There will be no meeting in July or August.