

Fayetteville Council of Neighborhoods

Meeting called to order 5:30pm, December 7th, 2006 by Mark , President

Neighborhoods in attendance

Woodland –	Claire Wisman
Mt. Sequoyah-	Victoria Sowder
Root-	Don Conner and Jo Ann Kvamme
Wilson Park-	Mark Kinion
Sang	Sarah Lewis
Town Mountain S.	Katherine Adams
Mill District	Colleen Pancake
	Patricia Powell and Stevie
Mt. Sequoyah South	Bob Caulk
SWEPCO/AEP	Preston Smith

Mr. Smith gave a presentation about the tree trimming activities in the city. He said basically the area from Sixth Street to Joyce Street and East of Collage needs trimming. They will have three types of notification:

- 1) Telephone call about 6 weeks before the trimming
- 2) Mailing notification about 1 month prior to trimming
- 3) Door-to-door contact two weeks before the trimming

Mark – Main complaints are lack of communication and severity of the cuts

Mr. Smith said they will speak with each land owner and explain about the variable growth of different trees and that they will spray a herbicide after they cut down trees. They cannot allow any branches over the wires (certain oaks have variance).

Standards:

Fast Growth – silver maple 17-20' clearance

Medium Growth- pine, hard/sugar maple 12-15' clearance

Slow growth – post oak 10" clearance

10-12' clearance for redbuds and dogwoods

He has tree planting guides. If anyone wants them, they should call 973-2328 for copies.

Mark said we need to be proactive – what to plant and speak up to AEP before cutting will get the best results.

Karen – T. Dewese spoke to them and said the same think you said but they weren't contacted and the electric company came and cut down trees. They are renewable however the esthetic is lost for a long time.

Four complaints:

- 1) Where is the disconnect? We can contact Preston Smith at 479-973-2328. His title is AEP Cm. Utility Forester.

Sarah – How big is the notification area for each circuit?

Mr. Smith – There are 2-5 circuits out of a transformer and will have 5-15 miles of line. They will start tree trimming after the first of the year and hope to be done in 18 months.

Sarah Patton-(Fayetteville Urban Forester) We can also contact her for help. She is here for public comment but has limited impact on the utilities.

She does tree preservation and landscape regulation but doesn't do park land specifically. She has lots of educational materials to share if we make the request.

Trees and Landscape committee will give out shrubs in April at the opening of the Farmer's Market.

Mark – City Tree Preservation – What does it mean?

- 1) If there is a sick tree or want to remove it it is ok
- 2) This affects new development to preserve trees

Don – Who does the inventory of trees?

Sarah Patton – It doesn't say who has to do the inventory but that all significant trees need inventoried which includes oaks of 18" or greater, maples of 24" or greater, and dogwoods of 8" or better.

Survey crews can do the survey no regulation of who does the count

Sarah gave information of how to protect trees during construction

- 1) If private owner she can't do anything
- 2) If in the hill slope overlay must flag significant trees and no more than 4" of fill can be put around the tree
- 3) Developers have a plan for a subdivision and to save trees when the lots are sold they no longer have power to protect the trees and an owner can cut down trees. However, if the property is on a hillside the trees are still protected. They are talking about taking the hillslope ordinance city wide
- 4) Karon – Is Fayetteville considering tighter tree ordinance for owners? And the Canopy is destroyed also destroys canopy for the neighborhood

Bob - The city needs to have builders city wide follow the hillslope ordinance city wide Even on hillslope we cannot control what owners do on their property

Sarah Patton – Telephone 444-3471 extension 470

Sarah Lewis – Trail easement – is city buying a buffer area for trails

Sarah Patton – 30' easement for 12' trail in Mud Creek

Tree and Landscape Committee meets every third Tuesday 4:00pm R111

Woodland – No issues, met end of October and next meeting February

Mt Sequoyah North – will meet in February

Washington Willow – Had block party in November, will elect new officers in January, looking to have more speed tables on Washington, Rebecca and possibly east Dickson.

We are working in St. Joseph's Park and raised money for trees and benches.

Wilson Park – November potluck, Post office has requested that the mailboxes be on the street and we have formed a committee to form a historic district.

Sang Valley – We had a November meeting for Temple Shalom. There was a Ward 4 meeting and we discussed traffic.

Town Mountain South – We will have a meeting after the weather clears – assess after buying of pumping station

Meeting in November and Pat Powell is the new president. We have opted out of the Master Plan and the TIFF district. We had a stream cleanup

Mt. Sequoyah South – nothing

December 13 – Dickson Street Neighborhood meeting with the downtown Partners Julie Darrow Room 111, 6pm

Jefferson School plan will go to the Board of Education – they need public support

We need to fill out registration for renewal of our neighborhood association by January meeting – January 18th (Thursday).

Possible topics for Next month

Ruskin Heights

Parks, Recreation trails/Pocket parks

Master Plan

1)Arch standards update

2)Cultural Arts district

3)Designation of significant buildings

Adjourn

Together we can make a difference!