

**Minutes of the Community Design Commission/ Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting
September 27, 2017 6:45 p.m.
Village Hall Room 101**

Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Attendees: Chair Douglas Chien and Commissioner C. Scott Smith

Absent: Commissioner Mitchell Murdock

Also present: Rob Sproule, Forestry Superintendent; Craig Failor, Village Planner

Discussion regarding forestry issues/Forestry Supervisor Report

Forestry Superintendent Rob Sproule delivered his report. He discussed how the lack of rain was affecting village trees. He updated commissioners on cycle tree pruning, spring planting and stumping. He said this year looks to be a bad female ginkgo year and reviewed the procedure on requesting removals. Chair Chien suggested a resident should be required to contribute monetarily to the removal. A short discussion ensued regarding what was in the village ordinance on tree removals. Staff will have more information for the next meeting for further discussion.

Community Design Commission Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. and roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendees: Chair Douglas Chien; Commissioners Teresa Heit-Murray, Adam Kallish, Jonathan Kirk, Lloyd Natof, C. Scott Smith and Nick Sinadinos

Absent: Commissioners Juan Betancur, Susan Ebner, Richard Katz, Mitchell Murdock, Aaron Stigger and Cindy Wong

Also present: Craig Failor, Village Planner

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

None.

Forestry Superintendent Report Overview

Chair Chien gave a brief overview of the report. He urged commissioners to spread the word to water parkway trees due to the lack of rain.

Minutes:

None.

Public Hearing(s); Sitting as the Design Review Commission

None.

Other Business

Cavalcade of Pride

Mr. Failor said he would check with staff to do a video of the winning block for the presentation. Commissioner Heit-Murray explained she would like to expand the garden award to three gardens that work in tandem. Commissioner Natof volunteered to take additional photos for the presentation.

Work Plan 2018

Mr. Failor reviewed the work plan. A short discussion ensued regarding the Village's arboretum status. Mr. Failor said he would check with the Mr. Sproule for any updates on the status.

Chair Chien suggested including the CDC as the review body for single family home design guidelines. Mr. Failor said the revised zoning code increased discussion regarding this; currently, it is in the beginning stages of discussion through the Plan Commission. Chair Chien said the CDC should provide input in the process. Mr. Failor agreed and said he would bring it to the Plan Commission and add to the work plan. A short discussion ensued regarding coach houses and material choices for home additions or coach houses.

A review of the sign code was suggested; Mr. Failor said they could start the discussion at the December meeting with the Zoning Administrator. Commissioner Natof would like a review of grandfathered nonconforming signage. He also suggested the village should increase commercial property inspections.

Reports

Mr. Failor said the Village Board adopted the revised zoning ordinance. He updated commissioners on some projects ongoing in the village including a possible North Avenue business district study. A new townhome development proposal for Home and Madison would be going to the Village Board for a redevelopment agreement sometime this year.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sinadinos moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Angela Schell,
Recording Secretary