

Friends of Jefferson Park Meeting
November 28th, 2007
Cedar Street Baptist Church
2301 Cedar Street

Minutes

The joint meeting of UHCA & FOJP was called to order by Lora Toothman & Bill Conkle at 7:08pm.

Announcements:

- Bill Conkle:

The bandstand has a new roof, which is part of the maintenance of the structure. The park is doing well overall.

- Connie Samuels:

The city (DPW) is doing a good job taking care of vegetation control; they are going up higher along the hillside.

- Water Truck Training Details:

Training is being offered to learn how to drive the water trucks that will water the new trees: Stacey Moulds was the first to take the training; others slated to take the upcoming training in January are: Bill Conkle, Ralph Oliver, Sam Smith and Mike Onsel.

Two trucks will be available and each is the size of a large pick-up truck. The trucks must be scheduled ahead and will be filled with gas and water initially. The biggest truck carries a bit less than 100 gallons of water, so it would take an hour to fill, which will need to be done when required. It was suggested by Stacey that we work as teams of two: one person to drive, one person to water the trees.

- Holiday Tree and Celebration:

The initial holiday tree that was planted by the Great Big Greenhouse died; another, larger tree will be planted on Friday, November 30th.

FOJP will have their decoration of the Jefferson Park Holiday Tree at 9:00am on Saturday, December 8th at the park bandstand. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME OUT ...bring your coffee and a decoration of your own choosing and we will celebrate our new tree!!! FOJP will provide danishes.

We will also put red bows on the light posts around the park. If anyone wants to contribute red bows, please bring them to the celebration. FOJP will also graciously accept donations toward the decorations.

Mike Onsel will donate lights for the tree.

The city is installing a receptacle to light the tree.

- New Trees for Jefferson Park:

Twenty-Nine (29) new trees will be planted by the city during the first and second weeks of December.

On Saturday, December 15th, between 8:30-10:30am, the remaining trees that the city was unable to plant will be planted by FOJP members. IF ANYONE WISHES TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP PLANT THE REMAINING TREES, please email Bill Conkle at: junkifunki@aol.com or call him directly at: 649.3764. Many FOJP members have purchased a tree in a loved ones' honor. FOJP plans to have a dedication ceremony in the near future.

- All new projects for 2008 will be discussed and reviewed at the January meeting.
- Next meeting of FOJP: January 28th at 7:00pm, location TBD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

In Attendance:

Bill Conkle
Matt Conrad
Kristin Friedline
Chris Jones
Mark Kronenthal
Tom O'Kelley
Patti Mojzak
Stacey Moulds
Mike & Maria Onsel
Connie Samuels
Karin & Lerry Schaftlein
Bennett Smith
Lora Toothman
Ann Wortham

Karin Schaftlein,
Secretary, FOJP