

Advisory Committee on Trees – November 17, 2015

Called to order 7PM

Present: Charles Jackman (chair), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Brian Townsend (city liaison), Bob Trumbule (member), Erin Josephitis (Volunteer Coordinator).

Minutes from Oct 20 reviewed and accepted with corrections.

Tree Lists

Bob compiled the tree list we worked on at our last meeting. This is a list of large forest trees suitable for street tree use and in parks. Both native and exotic species and cultivars are included. We prepared a separate list of smaller trees to be used near utility lines which has been submitted and circulated. These smaller trees are not duplicated on this new list of large trees. We discussed preparation of a list of large shrubs useful for screen plantings. We noticed some trees had been left out of the large tree list, Bob will add them.

Tree Inventory Workshop. Led by Erin Josephitis

Erin conducted a workshop for ACT members to be able to access and use the Street Tree Inventory data base using a smart phone. This will enable ACT to make corrections and add skip spaces to the data base. I do not include details (specific apps, passwords, etc) of the workshop in these minutes. We reviewed maps being constructed from the data.

We found that our phones had trouble opening the data base, and were very slow.

Next meeting will be January 19, 2016 at 7 PM at Public Works. Some ACT members may attend the MANTS Nursery trade show in early January (probably Jan 6). Brian will make arrangements. We decided not to meet in December.

Submitted by Ethel Dutky