

Tree Task Force Agenda
January 5, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

Informational Exchange:

-Jake Daniele, TC liaison to FSAB checked on the status of the draft Tree Ordinance-
"The Tree Ordinance has been sent out for review but our legal council is in California with a personal matter. So, the firm is trying to shuffle the town's work but asked for an extension for items that could wait."

-Caroline Pelletier- cannot attend this meeting, but maybe February.

-Climate Action Plan- At the 12/12 FSAB meeting, discussed FSAB role in reviewing existing zoning regulations and language in the village overlay documents.

- Zoning review will be part of climate action plan
- Village Overlay may also be reviewed.
- Recommendation that Tree Task Force provide guidance for FSAB during the CAP process, focus on preserving /expanding existing tree canopy ; FSAB can flag any references to trees in its review and bring it to TTF as needed
- Section 514 on parking - Tree Task Force recommends a requirement for 1 canopy for each 8 parking space, for new parking spaces and spaces being reconfigured.

-Other?

Business: Divide and conquer the tasks to move forward on (which/any of)these 2023 priorities over the next month-

2- Obtain Tree City Designation.

3- Develop a system to maintain Tree Inventory. (Marc's 10/20/22 email from Kym)

4- Select locations for demonstration projects that are high-visibility, unlikely to be in the crosshairs of future Downtown Vision development; as well as specific species/varieties. Research tax maps to determine public/private downtown lot ownership. (See prioritized list below)

5- Develop Public Relations Plan ex., web page of informational resources for developers/ commercial property owners to facilitate/incentivize alignment with Public Tree Program.

6- Collaboration with Freeport / RSU5 schools

7- System of collaboration with Downtown Vision, Complete Streets Committees and Project Review Board

Suggested Next Steps:

-FSAB Recommendation to talk with Jeff Tarling, Portland's arborist. Portland has a very strong tree ordinance.

-Check on status of Tree Plan with TC chairs

Next Meeting: Does 2/2/23 work for everyone?