

URBAN LANDSCAPE COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2012

Attendees: M. Maupin, K. Hurst, J. Selin, A. Tanner, Kitty, J. Lantazzi, N. Panaccione, J. Kierig,

Guest Presentation- Professor Ken Martis, WVU Geography Department
"Urban Open Space" - Senior Capstone Project

Judy K invited everyone to come out for the planning /MPO meetings on January 25 and 26.

New Business:

- A. High Street – K. Hurst talked about the ongoing discussion to do away with the curbs on the tree planters and use tree grates. Participants included in the discussion, City Manager, Terrance Moore, Rep. Main Street Morgantown, Tree Board, Terry Hough, Jeff Mikorski and ULC rep. K.Hurst.

It was the consensus of the ULC to support the idea of the 12" fencing on top of the curb, and not to remove the recently installed curb/ tree planters.

- B. Commission Positions:
-Chairperson- Kara Hurst
-Vice Chairperson- Bill MacDonald
-Secretary- Nicole Panaccione
-Assistant Sec- Judy Kierig

Minutes approved as amended for December 2011. Sending minutes to Carol Allen.

Old Business:

- A. Goals and recommendations for 5 year plan must be turned in by the end of the month.
-K. Hurst –commission will ask for \$ 5000 for next fiscal year, will remain at the currently funded level.
-UL Office - pay, landscape materials, trucks, are budgeted thru the city, not the commission.
- B. Zacquil Morgan Statue
-DAR selected traffic circle in the Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park.
-BOPARC, the City Manager, and the ULC have discussed the site and site analysis.
-The ULC does not support the decision to place the statue in the circle.
-M. Maupin went on record to say several people have called her office to complain that the circle would lose the flowerbed and did not want to see the statue at that particular location.
- C. Public Safety Building
-There are structural issues and drainage problems around the PSB

- The ULC will contract a design proposal for the PSB with Biafore Landscape (Fee, \$1300).
- Erin Hager of Biafore Landscapes will make a presentation to the ULC in February or March
- ULC commission will review proposal and make changes and give a final presentation to the city.

Project Site Report- M. Maupin

- M. Maupin presented a budget plan for 2012-2013 for her office to City Manager.
- M. Maupin is financed out of the City Manager's office.

Boparc Report – none given

Tree Board Report

-K. Hurst discussed the plan to find a grant to purchase "Treekeeper" software. "Treekeeper" will allow the city to keep an active inventory of the public trees.

Proud of Our Town Awards

- The new location for Appalachian Gallery was suggested and it was decided that a nomination would be made in the Spring rather than Winter.
- Discussed the idea to have a spring, summer and fall nominations.

Meeting Adjourned