

Agenda- Advisory Committee Meeting #4

Thursday July 7th, 2011

Time: 9:00-11:00 AM

Location: 301 E. Huron, 6th Floor conference room

Meeting Purpose: Discuss draft plan objectives topics and review comments from Advisory Committee member homework assignment.

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| 5 min | Review agenda |
| 15 min | Plan development process and methodology |
| 10 min | Review refined draft vision statement |
| 80 min | Objective topics review and discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss homework assignment and objective topics where Committee members have shared concerns |
| 10 min | Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconvene October/November |

Proposed Vision Statement Revision

Ann Arbor's urban and community forest is a prominent feature of the city, valued by its citizens for the positive contributions it makes to the quality of life and character of the community. The urban and community forest is a vital part of the city's green infrastructure system and is managed sustainably through sound practices, policies, and community stewardship to provide environmental, social and economic benefits today and into the future.

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Objective Topics Review + Feedback

Directions:

(1) Please review the list of objective topics and note whether you generally agree, disagree, or feel neutral toward each topic (the objectives are loose and more topical in nature at this point).

(2) Provide any comments on the objective topics in the space provided

(3) Are there objective topics you think are missing? If so, add them at the bottom of this worksheet.

Note: Numbering does not indicate prioritization

#	Objective Topics	Generally			Disagree / Big Concern	Comment (why disagree/wordsmithing/etc.)
		Agree	Neutral			
1	Increase tree canopy cover					
2	Increase net gain of trees in the city- # of trees planted greater than # of trees removed					
3	Identify areas most in need of canopy cover and focus planting efforts in these areas.					
4	Promote tree planting on both public and private land					
5	Implement pro-active and routine maintenance practices to improve canopy health and reverse the trend of canopy loss					
6	Enhance and protect the growing area to allow trees to reach their full potential					
7	Utilize proper tree selection and "right tree, right place" approach to selecting tree species based on the site.					
8	Use native tree species for public and private tree plantings, where appropriate					
9	Discourage the use of invasive species					
10	Utilize a diverse mixture of tree species in city street and park tree plantings					
11	Manage invasive plant species					
12	Develop protocols to assess and respond to threats to the urban forest, such as disease or pest epidemics					
13	Ensure that the tree inventory is regularly updated based on tree management activities					
14	Encourage a structured/layered understory below canopy trees to provide additional environmental/ecological benefits.					
15	Minimize impervious areas below trees by "daylighting" soil areas (i.e. removing concrete/asphalt) below trees in highly impervious areas					
16	Enhance habitat by planting trees that provide sources of food and shelter for wildlife, birds and insects, where appropriate					
17	Manage tree disposal for reuse and sustainability (wood utilization)					
18	Plant trees and shrubs that can provide food to the community (e.g. fruit and nut trees)					
19	Provide routine inventorying/assessment tools for the urban forest to inform planting and maintenance priorities.					
20	Develop a standard procedure to streamline coordination among city departments to resolve conflicting policy/practice issues (e.g. sidewalk and road repair, visibility, leaf pick-up)					

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21	Develop policy to address issues that may arise between solar, wind or other alternative energy projects and trees.				
22	Seek innovative opportunities to coordinate tree maintenance policies and activities between different agencies/organizations (i.e. between City, DTE, University of Michigan, contractors)				
23	Devise a sustainable funding strategy for city forestry activities				
24	Increase/restore forestry budget to support sustainable management, including equipment, training, new programming				
25	Establish funding to support routing maintenance program for public trees (street and park trees)				
26	Identify and secure appropriate level of staff support to manage the urban forest resource and community programs				
27	Pursue opportunities for "restoration" funding and garner outside funding where feasible				
28	Increase transparency in budget decisions and current financial conditions				
29	Develop a Forestry fee structure for inspections and enforcement				
30	Investigate incentives/programs to encourage tree planting and landmark tree preservation on private property (e.g. stormwater credit, city tree sale)				
31	Develop a procedure for enforcement of forestry practices and policies				
32	Develop plans to address storm, safety and risk (e.g. storm response/preparedness, insect and disease epidemics)				
33	Develop and communicate a clear process for making tree removal decisions				
34	Adopt protective measures for important, large, old or landmark trees				
35	Update landscape ordinance to require new development to plant street trees				
36	Develop resources to help address tree issues that arise between private property owners				
37	Implement a pruning cycle to support tree health and public safety				
38	Implement a pro-active urban forest management program				
39	Refine mechanisms for notifying residents of current and upcoming tree maintenance and forestry operations				
40	Reevaluate written materials distributed to identify opportunities to better communicate with residents				
41	Supplement written notification with visible tactics to notify residents of upcoming tree planting (e.g. place a stake where the city is planning on planting a tree)				
42	Adopt an outreach strategy that emphasizes good public relations and communication				
43	Develop educational materials for private property owners and the community (e.g. invasive species; importance of managing the urban forest and risks of not managing it; resources and guidelines for private property owners on plant selection, tree planting and maintenance; benefits of trees; right tree, right place; current city practices and procedures relating to tree mgmt/care/maintenance/evaluation of tree health; trees and climate change)				

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44	Implement a strategy for regular dialogue with the community about the urban forest, including the use of traditional and social media tools				
45	Develop an annual "report card" on the status/health of the urban forest and associated programs/activities				
46	Recognize awards and achievements related to the urban forest				
47	Provide tree resource information online via current GIS mapping programs to allow easy public access to the information				
48	Publicize urban forest materials currently available to the public and identify opportunities to improve their "visibility"				
49	Identify ways to celebrate trees and bring awareness to the urban forest				
50	Provide educational opportunities for school children to learn about trees and the benefits of the urban forest				
51	Streamline process for private sponsorship of public tree planting and maintenance projects				
52	Explore opportunities to incorporate community and neighborhood values into decision making processes				
53	Develop a program to empower residents/volunteers to help care for the health of the urban forest				
54	Explore non-profit partnering opportunities for managing/facilitating community engagement programs and/or as a funding source				
55	Create database of organizations that have the potential to support implementation of the urban forest management plan				
56	Work with local green industries (e.g. nurseries/suppliers/landscapers) to support urban forest management program				
57	Integrate forestry into City wide volunteer program				
58	Develop policy to address issues that may arise between sidewalks or non-motorized transportation facilities and trees.				
59	Other?				
60	Other?				
61	Other?				
62	Other?				
63	Other?				