



Tree Planting Partner Biannual Meeting

Notes

Date: Friday, November 22, 2024
Time: 9 a.m.
Attendees: PKW: Hailey Bowen, Michael Karam, Brittany Mulla McGovern, Lillian McNee, Liam Kraus
ORS: Anna Nguyen
HCS: Dr. Angela Chalk
Groundwork: Todd Reynolds
WWGS: Jeffery Supak

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction of Lillian McNee Michael Karam
Michael welcomed and thanked the attendees for joining. Lillian was introduced as PKW's Senior City Planner.

2. Feedback from Planting Partners Michael Karam
 - a. Fall Planting Season
 - b. Supply Chain
Todd is expecting a cost increase in supplies (ex. stakes).
Angela experiencing freight charge vs delivery charge due to the size of trees. HCS utilizing water retention polymers due to mulch costs.¹
 - c. Community Engagement
HCS, WWGS, and Groundwork engage neighborhoods for property-owner permission to plant on the ROW; however, they have experienced harassment and tree vandalism. Anna asked for any photographic examples of tree vandalism to utilize in any future PSAs.
Jeff suggested greater awareness on who maintains a tree post planting (ex. residents will not grant permission if they believe they are responsible for the care of the tree in the future). PKW will clarify the Tree Planting Permit on who is responsible for the care of a tree post 1-year.²
Anna to research funding opportunities for a citywide PSA. Dr. Chalk prioritized tv, radio, and social media vs print. Brittany to research translating Spanish and Vietnamese planting documents; Dr. Chalk added ACS has a Spanish interpreter on staff.
Anna to coordinate compilation of partner communication and outreach methods.

¹ PKW offers alternative soil preparation in [Section 32.91.13](#).

² An updated [Tree Planting Permit](#) was posted on 11/25/24.

Michael addressed Jeffery's question submitted via email to PKW on 11/21/2024 regarding CNO waiving curb cutting fees for tree planting; PKW is awaiting clarification if the waiver requires an ordinance by City Council.

The virtual meeting ended prematurely due to connectivity issues.

3. Looking Ahead

Brittany Mulla McGovern

- a. Next Biannual Meeting – January 2025