



Independence Tree Commission Minutes

June 12, 2024 5:30 PM

Vaile Mansion - 1500 N Liberty

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Attendees: David Campbell, Darla Eames, Twyla Olson-Hahn, Charlotte Olejko, Tim O'Neil, Mike Adams, Jim Hannah

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May meeting minutes read and approved.

April meeting minutes read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Legacy Trees

Legacy Tree Project still in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Scavenger Hunt

No Scavenger Hunt planned for this year. We may keep to an every other year status on this.

2. Landscape Plan - Vaile Mansion

2 spruce trees have been removed. Replacements to be planted in the fall. Planting the front area beds will be done in the fall. A Kousa Dogwood is to be donated to the Vaile by a neighbor of the Vaile.

TREE TALK

June Snow Dogwood, Camus controversy, 'June Snow'. Genus name means horn in Greek.

Zone 5-8. 35' H x 40' W. Flowers in May-June, creamy white in clusters that are flattened and showy. Blue/black berries in clusters to follow in late summer.

Full sun/part shade. Attracts birds/butterflies. Distinctive horizontal branching. Has alternate leaves like Pagoda Dogwood. Fall color very subdued.

ADJOURNMENT

Charlotte is retiring from the City of Independence. She will work part-time starting in August. We will not have a July meeting but resume in August.