



**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR GREENSPACE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 29, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Brad Jones  
Dee Merriam  
Jennifer Pindyck  
David Sacks  
Steve Sanchez

Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order

Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda

Item No. 3 Approval of Minutes

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting (1/12/16)

Item No. 4 Tree Ordinance - Committee Comments

A rough draft of an ordinance had previously been distributed to the Committee members. The members went through the document paragraph by paragraph and discussed all comments thereto from any member. Suggested changes included:

- In the very first paragraph that outlines the benefits that trees provide the city, add a reference to Avondale's identity/brand.
- The definition of "Specimen Tree" needs further work/refinement.
- "Definitions" should include one for "DBH" (diameter at breast height) of tree trunks.
- Consider eliminating requirements for bonds, etc., for potential impacts to "Boundary Trees."
- Other minor wordsmithing was discussed in numerous locations.

Jennifer Pindyck offered to update the draft based on tonight's discussions and to re-send it to Committee members. The goal is to finalize it at the next meeting.

Item No. 5 Tree Ordinance - Next Steps

The draft of the ordinance will represent a basic outline of what its requirements and definitions would be. If approved by the Board of Mayor and Commissioners, it would then be fleshed out by a staff member or hired consultant with more experience writing

ordinances. Preparation of that fully fleshed-out document would be a City (BOMC/staff) matter, not something the Greenspace Committee would take on.

The Committee's goal is to finalize its recommendation for this ordinance at its next meeting, for submittal to the BOMC for public discussion at its May work session.

Item No. 6 Greenspace Site Walk Scheduling

The first site walk will be on Saturday morning, April 23. Subsequent dates to be determined.

Item No. 7 General Discussion

The next meeting was scheduled for April 12.

Item No. 8 Public Comment

No public comment.

Item No. 9 Adjournment at 9:00 p.m.