
Tree board tonight

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Greetings Laura,

Apologies for missing the meeting tonight. Here are just a few of my thoughts:

ArborDay questions: there have been several discussions and meetings regarding the road diet and plantings and future development of Bert Bostrom. Are the tree sites being suggested for Arbor Day part of these future plans? I would hate to plant a tree only to have it taken out later when some of this development occurs. As long as that is being considered, I'm fine with any of the canopy, trees and the locations that the rest of the tree board decides on.

I think there needs to be a broader discussion about the swales in Lake Park and how to properly use them. I think there are options for trees and other plantings rather than just grass. And because of that, I think public works or permitting and zoning definitely needs to come up with a plan for allowing people to submit a permit to develop those swales. I included a link to Coral Gable's website regarding how they handle swales in their community just as a reference.

Swales: <https://www.coralgables.com/departments/public-works/treeandswalepermits>

I think that's it for now. Thank you for taking my comments.

Warm regards,

Shana