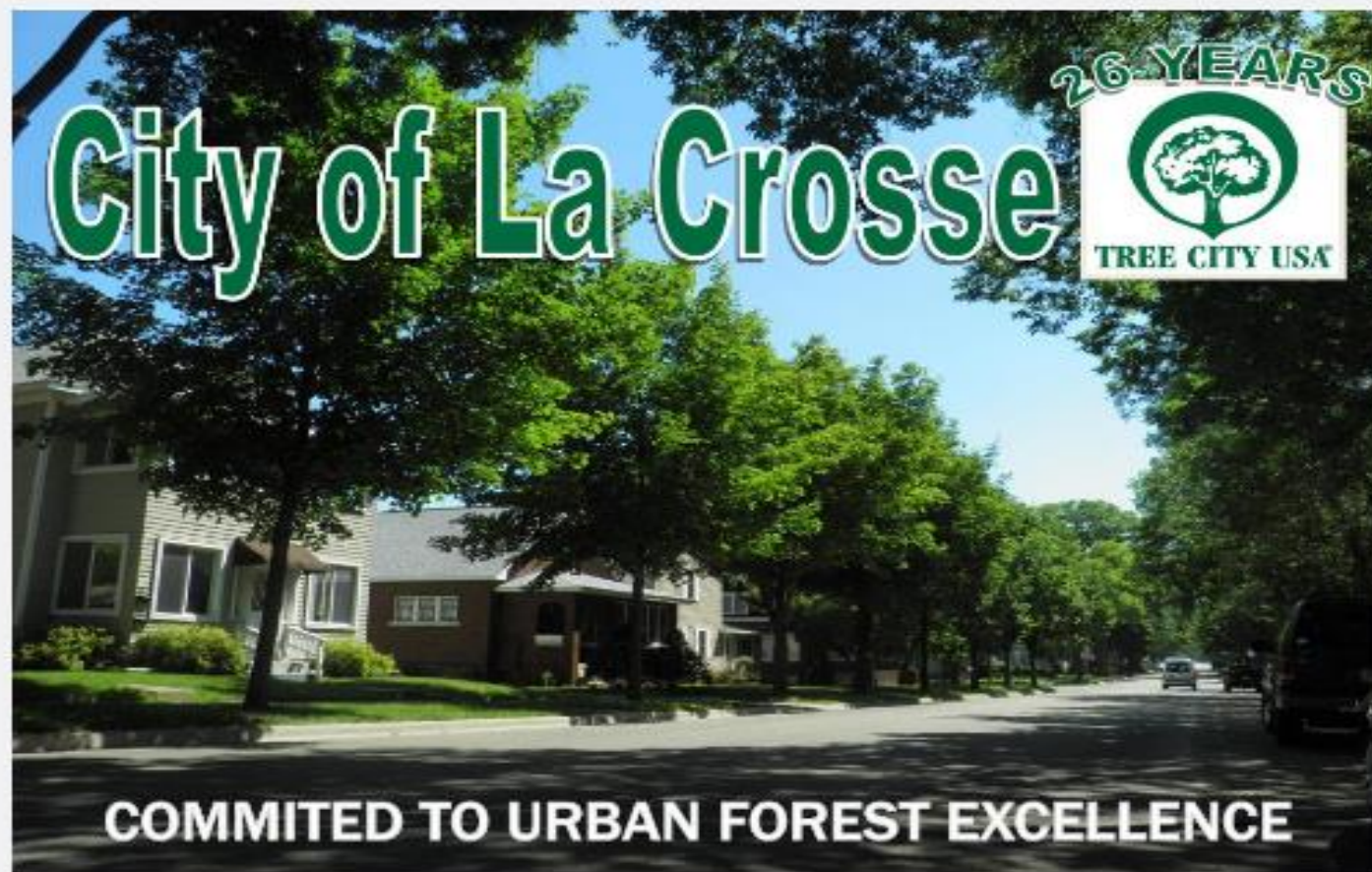


La Crosse Park Board Meeting

Daryll Jury
920 King St

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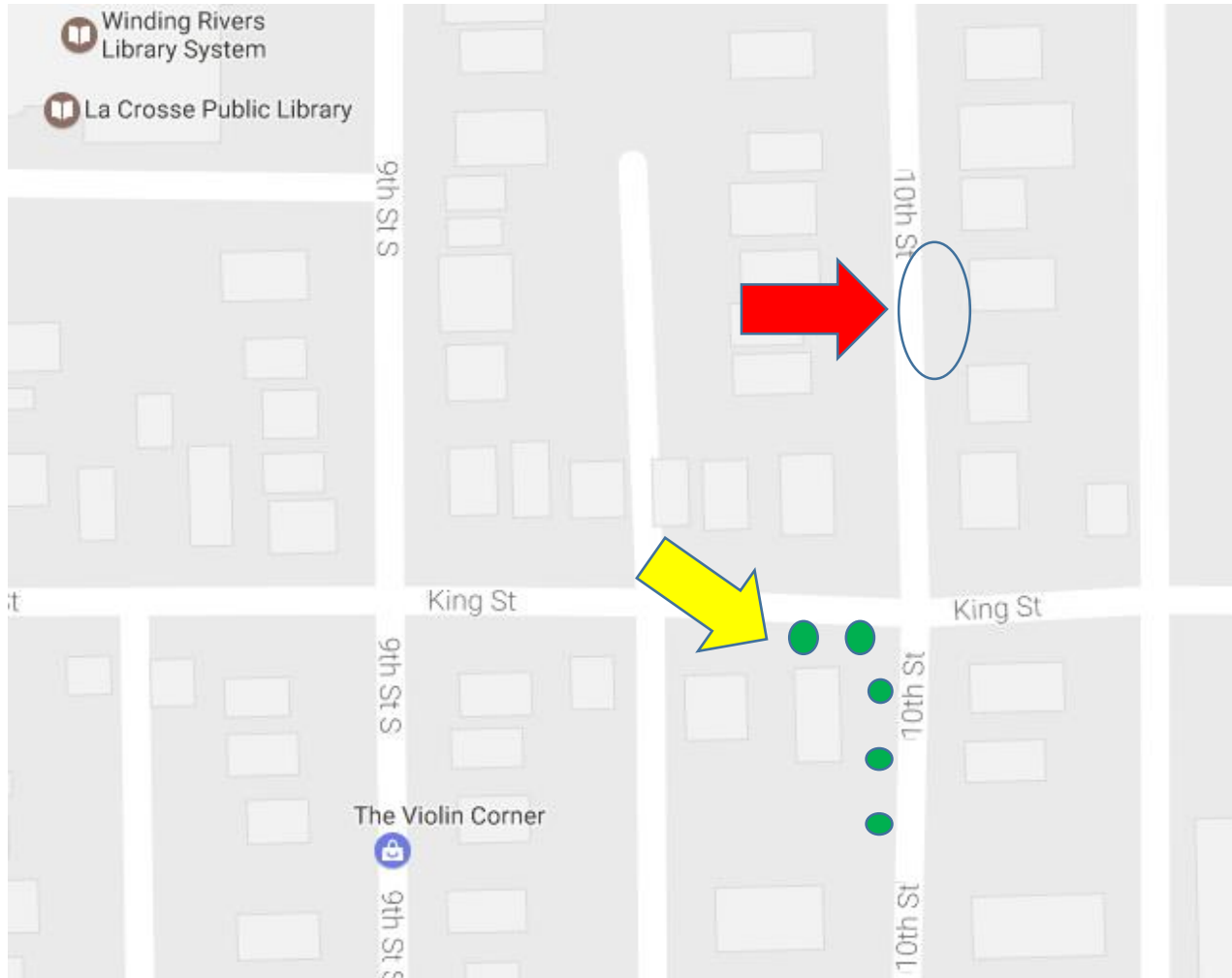


La Crosse is dedicated to the care of its urban forest and has been designated a Tree City USA for 26 consecutive years. The 20,000 trees that line La Crosse's streets help to control storm water, improve air quality, reduce utilities expenses, increase property value, provide habitat for birds and other wildlife and improve neighborhood aesthetics.

Concerns:

- I spoke with Dan on the phone numerous times over the last 2 years asking for trees at 2 of the properties I own and was informed of the following:
 - The city is in the process of replacing Ash trees that needed to be cut down due to the Emerald Ash Borer.
 - They are only planting trees in areas they have removed trees and ground stumps – no other areas at this time
 - There is a \$150 charge per tree if I want the city to plant them on the blvd that they own.
 - If they are planting trees and they see there is a need for trees nearby in the area (5 block radius) they will plan trees.
 - If the city is repaving a road and see a need for trees on a blvd, they will plant trees
 - There is no written policy detailing this. He can do whatever he wants on the blvd – the city owns it.

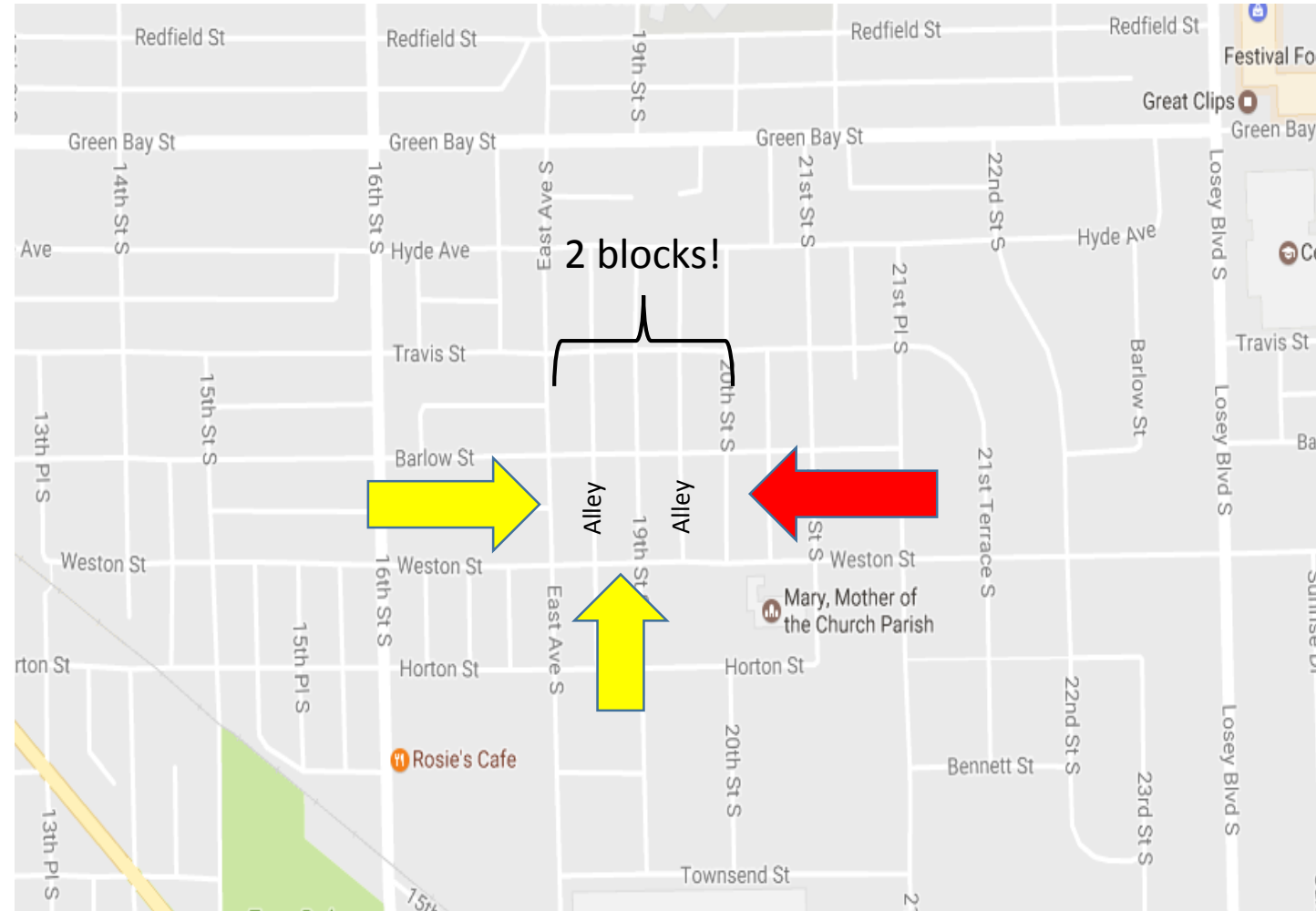
I have a property 3 houses down from Charlie Handy's house (a county employee). Three trees were removed from his property last year, and 5 trees were planted 5 weeks ago. No trees were planted at my requested property. No one can tell me why...







I also have a home I own at 2007 S. 20th St. This house is 2 blocks off of Est Ave. where they did extensive road work lasts year. Nearby houses have new trees, but I did not receive any. No one can answer why...



1923 Weston St



2007 South 20th St.



My concerns:

- I spoke the Forester and he informed me of the following:
 - The city can do whatever they want on the Blvd.
 - While planting trees at a site, if he sees a need for trees in a nearby area (5 blocks) he will plant them
 - The city has extra trees they are not planting on some sites because they can not plant where there are electrical, gas, or sprinkler lines on a property.
 - There is no written policy that outlines any of this. He and Dan make the rules.
- I called and spoke with the mayor over my concerns on Friday June 2nd and he stated he would review this and get back to me Monday the 5th. I am still waiting for that return call...

Summary:

- I can not afford to pay the city \$150.00 for every tree I want on the 9 properties I pay taxes on. I understand I can fill out some paper work, buy and acceptable tree that that city approves and plant it, but why should I whey they have extra's that they are planting?
- What are the actual guidelines that the city is using?
- Years ago, I requested trees for a bvld and went to "Tree School" as required by the city so I properly took care of the trees. Is this required today for all of the trees that are being planted?
- All I am asking for are trees on 2 properties in a "tree City".