

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

Dave Russell (Chair)
James Love (Vice Chair)
Stormy Ballenger - Absent
Dan McBerty – Arrived late
William Reinert
Clifford Ostermeier
Michael Holzinger
Willow Burnett-DePew - Absent

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Steve Radda (Parks)
Dan DeYoung (City Council)

Guests:

- I. Business - Continuing**
A. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2016 and February 8, 2016.

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Love moved and Committee Member Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 meeting with the amendment to attach the list of tree nominations. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Love, Reinert, Ostermeier, and Holzinger. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: Russell. Absent: Ballenger, McBerty, Burnett-DePew. The motion passed.

A motion for the January 12, 2016 minutes was not put forward.

- II. Business - New**
A. Announcements

- One group from out of state purchased 8 Memorial trees. It was expressed that there will be flexibility for time frame to plant these trees to accommodate the groups from out of town.
- Councilor DeYoung cautioned that the tree committee should be mindful of the renovations to happen at Riverside when the trees are placed. It would be a shame to have to transplant them in the future.
- The current proposed locations for the trees are between the centennial gazebo and the softball field.

B. Event Calendar Review

- The question of having a booth at growers market was brought up. The committee would like to add a footnote to bring this up at the next meeting with Stormy. She had suggested possibly having some of the local high school students volunteer.
- Footnote to talk about spring tree walk next meeting. Possibly location would be Reinhart Park, Lawnridge area neighborhood, Croxton Park, etc. To be held on the weekend before or after Mother’s Day.

C. Updates

- The majority of the new trees have been planted in parks. There will be about 55 trees total planted.
- Member McBerty had requested to get the tree committee out into the community. There was a section in the Park's Recreation Guide with a small version of tree map with tree names and numbers.
- This Guide goes out to all elementary kids and therefore their families.
- District Seven is supposed to get back to Jeff about whether they want the 10 trees offered for Arbor Day.
- Footnote to ask Stormy if she's recruiting students.
- Councilor DeYoung let it be known that we have already met the DEQ standards to reduce greenhouse emissions by 2025.
- Discussion about the current tree codes in the development code and what the committee would really want it to reflect.

D. Discuss Arbor Day Event

- Will be held on April 4th at Redwood Park at 1:00pm. There will be a Dawn Redwood planted.
- Four people from the committee confirmed they will attend.

E. Nominations for Significant Tree or Landscape

- None.

F. Comments

- Jeff will get the deadline for next recreation guide. It was suggested to add a blub about when to prune, etc.
- Jules requested a list or map of Heritage Trees, Significant Trees, and Memorial Trees.
- Member Holzinger will email Jules the map he put together.
- Heritage trees are state issued and Jules will need to contact them.
- Significant trees will be awarded on Arbor Day.
- Jeff will be requesting a CSO to go out for the trees cut without permit on 750 NW 4th St.

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Russell moved and Committee Member Holzinger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Committee Members Love, Reinert, Ostermeier, McBerty, and Holzinger. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ballenger and Burnett-DePew. The motion passed.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2016

These minutes were prepared by Carlie Paulsen, Administration Department, City of Grants Pass.