

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Jeff Nelson (City Liaison)
Dan DeYoung (City Council)

Guests:

I. Business – Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2016.

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Holzinger moved and Committee Member Love seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting as amended. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Reinert, Ostermeier, Holzinger, and Burnett-DePew. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: Russell, Love and Ballenger. Absent: McBerty. The motion passed.

II. Business - New

A. Announcements

- It was mentioned that the front page news of the black oak falling at the Applegate restaurant was listed as a “fluke”. This was not a fluke as it is common for black oaks to fall, they are a risky tree.

B. Event Calendar Review

- Jeff mentioned the need to move forward with a plan for Growers Market, adding information to the Recreation Guide, and putting together items for the Fall Tree Walk.
- The committee will need to get their own booth as the Master Gardeners have a sponsor they need to abide by.
- It was suggested to be at the Growers Market the week before the walk which would be the third week of October. The Growers Market runs from 9:00am to 1:00pm with some setup time and clean up time before and after.
- It was suggested that instead of having a meeting in October have the Tree Committee go to the Growers Market in shifts.
- There was a request for a Facebook page to get Tree events out to the younger citizens. Jeff said he has been told no in the past but could check again to confirm. He did let the committee know that if that was not an option they could get the information out through other pages that are already set up rather than having another page to update and manage.

C. RVP Tree Map - Discussion

- Jeff brought a few maps for the Committee to review and decide where would be a good place to start on the Reinhart Tree walk. The idea would be to duplicate what is done at Riverside Park.
- The center of the park is beautiful in color, but does not have a large variety of types of trees. The river front area does not as much fall color but there are some great native trees.
- The committee discussed different ideas of where to begin the tree walk and the route to take. Jeff will work on a draft for hopefully the next meeting.
- Brochures will likely be located at recreation and at the Reinhart office.

D. Updates

- Jeff let the committee know that they completed the removal of 11 cottonwood trees on the Allendale trail.
- Parks will be doing pruning at Portola Park.
- Did Ken have a chance to look at the broken Cottonwood tree at Baker? Jeff will double check
- IT was mentioned that there is a dead tree on the parkway – let ODOT know.
- It was asked if the Firewise program will be removing Cedar trees like the Firewise program in Ashland is doing. Firewise does work with citizens you just need to reach out to them.
- Councilor DeYoung wanted to know if there were any concerns with Back to the fifties coming up on the last weekend of July. He was told that there isn't a big problem with soil damage as long as it isn't super wet. Would recommend not watering right up to the event.
- It was asked if there is anything that could/should be said to Panda Express and Starbucks about landscaping.
- The committee had a discussion about Red Robin's landscape plan and the possibility of reaching out to the owner and suggesting that they have a larger canopy than the development code requires.
- Councilor DeYoung will talk with Lora about the best way to gently suggest that the new construction go above what is required for landscaping.

E. Comments

- None.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2016

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