

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2020 6:30 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

James Love, Chair
Stormy Ballenger, Vice Chair
Michael Holzinger
Dan McBerty
Jeff Soash
Doug Tripp
Logan Werner
Elaina Juknies - Absent

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Joel King (City Councilor) - Absent
Chad Westbrook (Parks)
Tony Mecum (Parks)

Guests:

None

AGENDA:

- 1. Roll Call:**
 - a. Chair Love took roll and started the meeting at 6:30pm.
- 2. Introductions:**
 - a. None.
- 3. Items from Public:** (Opportunity for citizens to share information with the Committee regarding items that are not on the agenda).
 - a. None.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2019.

MOTION/VOTE

Member McBerty moved and Member Soash seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Love, Vice Chair Ballenger, Members Holzinger, McBerty, Soash, Tripp, and Werner. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Juknies
The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

- a. Interview Committee applicants (if applicable)
 - i. None
 - ii. Chair and Vice Chair Elections
 - Committee discussed nominations for Chair and Vice Chair, which concluded with Member Tripp for Chair and Vice Chair Ballenger for another term as Vice Chair.

MOTION/VOTE

Chair Love moved and Member Holzinger seconded the motion to hold the elections for Chair and Vice Chair during the February committee meeting. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Love, Vice Chair Ballenger, Members Holzinger, McBerty, Soash, Tripp, and Werner. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Juknies
The motion passed.

- iii. Tree Canopy Utility Fee
 - Urban Forester explained the findings of his research on how other municipalities fund their right-of-way tree maintenance.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

- a. Strategic Planning presentation on January 24 at 1:15pm. Chair Love and Member McBerty are developing the committee's presentation.
- b. Arbor Day will be Monday, April, 6, 2020.
- c. Committee showed interest in involving community volunteers for tree inventory and/or tree planting.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- a. Discussion on Arbor Day

8. Adjournment

- a. Member Soash moved, and Member Tripp seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 PM. All present approved, except for Vice Chair Ballenger, who had already departed.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2020

Minutes prepared by Tony Mecum, Parks and Community Development