

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2021 6:30 PM
Council Chambers Room

Committee Members:

Doug Tripp, Chair
Dan McBerty, Vice Chair - Absent
Michael Holzinger - Telephone
James Love
Jeff Soash
Logan Werner
Tami McBerty - Absent
Chris Rudd

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

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

Guests:

None

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call:

- a. Chair Tripp 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 March 8, 2021. Member Rudd pointed out a misspelling of "Gingkos." Urban forester agreed to correct the spelling.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Love moved and Member Werner seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Chair Tripp, Members Holzinger, Soash, Werner, Love, and Rudd. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: D. McBerty and T. McBerty.

The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

a. Planting Locations

- 1. Urban forester proposed the idea of having subcommittees form to perform fact-finding for the committee. This would include generating a list of planting locations. Committee discussed this idea. Added to next month's meeting agenda.
- 2. Member Rudd listed several locations along Grandview Drive that are missing trees. Committee looked at locations on Google maps.
- 3. Property next to Fire Mountain Gems was also discussed.

b. Letter for notable landscaping

- 1. Urban forester explained purpose of email sent to Committee by the Parks Superintendent: the Committee can send Landscape Awards to property owners if they believe the location is worthy of recognition.
- 2. The Committee discussed the trees in the parking lot of Grocery Outlet and decided to move forward with awarding the business a Landscape Award.

MOTION/VOTE

**Chair Tripp moved and Member Soash seconded the motion to give a Landscape Award to Grocery Outlet for their parking lot trees. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Tripp, Members Holzinger, Soash, Werner, Love, and Rudd. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: D. McBerty and T. McBerty.
The motion passed.**

- c. Review of Council Workshop on March 29th
 - 1. Council was scheduled to hear updates on the landscape code amendments, but before the Committee meeting, the Council agenda had changed. The Council planned to hear the updates at their May 3 workshop.
 - 2. Member Love requested to see the information that would be presented to Council. Urban forester said he will check to see if he can get ahold of the information for the Committee.
- d. Update on Stormy’s Tree
 - 1. A Coast redwood was procured for the planting at Tussing Park.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

- a. Discussion of subcommittees.
 - 1. Committee discussed interest in forming subcommittees that have deadlines for their objective(s) so that they do not carry on indefinitely.
 - 2. Member Holzinger explained that some of the subcommittees from CoPA and HSBC have not worked as expected.
 - 3. Committee would like to start with a subcommittee on planting locations
- b. Urban forester discussed possible trainings for the Committee. Committee discussed the desire to communicate with other city forestry agencies. Member Love discussed a focus on tree preservations and what other cities do.
- c. Committee discussed further plans for Washington BLVD considering Council’s decision to approve the replacements of all declining cherries in all of the Washington BLVD median islands.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- a. Landscape plan for Washington Blvd islands
- b. South island (paved) of Washington Blvd
- c. Tree Protection Policies - Subcommittee
- d. Tree Planting Locations – Subcommittee
- e. Update on Workshop for Xeric Landscaping

8. Adjournment

- a. Member Soash moved and Member Werner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 PM. All present approved.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Minutes prepared by Tony Mecum, Urban Forester, Community Development & Public Works