

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Steve Radda (Parks)
Dan DeYoung (City Council)

Guests:

- I. Business - Continuing**
A. Approval of Minutes from December 2015

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Reinert moved and Committee Member Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December 2015 meeting. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Russell, McBerty, Reinert, and Holzinger. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: Committee Member Ballenger. Absent: Committee Members Love and Ostermeier. The motion passed.

- II. Business - New**
A. Announcements

- Tree on 7th and M St was hit by a car.

B. Event Calendar Review

- Goal Setting will be held on January 22, 2016. Dave will attend and present goals at 11:15.
- Went over some of the potential goals to discuss with Council; Parking lot ordinance, increasing the canopy, fall color tour, inventory update, map of the trees, structural soil, map write-ups in the informational pamphlets.
- Need to make a list of previous Tree Awards.

C. Updates

- Look into having High School students volunteer to promote the Buy a Tree program at Growers Market.

D. Staff Report

- Updated tree canopy map is about 70-80% complete.

- Municipal code on sidewalk repair was presented. Concerns were raised about business owners vs. City liability and how it compares to other cities. It's possible in some cases to split costs.
- Jeff had someone approach him about buying 8 Memorial Day trees.
- Only about 10 trees were purchased from the buy a tree program.
- Need to approve trees for next month so that we can have plaques ready for Arbor Day.
- Feb 20th deadline for newsletter – coordinate with Allison with NW Rec. on what we would like to have added.
- Would like to have Arbor Day at either Redwood or Fruitdale Park.

E. Nominations for Significant Tree/Distinguished Landscapes

- Silver Maple at 114 NW B St, horse chestnut in the parking lot of the Bethany Presbyterian Church on 5th St, Magnolia on 865 NW 5th St.

F. Comments

- It was asked if there was an inventory of City right of ways that could potentially have trees planted to increase the City's canopy.
- We might be able to work additional trees into the future storm water plans as beautification strips and other means to use up storm water will need to be implemented.
- The concern of the increased beetle population due to drought was brought up.
- NW Corner of A and 7th St there is a nearly dead Doug Fir that needs to be addressed.
- Looking into a program to inform private citizens about the state of their trees.

Next Meeting: February 08, 2016

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