

**GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 08, 2016 at 7:00 PM**  
**Courtyard Conference Room**

**Committee Members:**

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

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Steve Radda (Parks)  
Dan DeYoung (City Council) – Arrived late

**Guests:**

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

**MOTION/VOTE**

**A Motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2016 was put forward but not seconded.**

- II. Business - New**  
**A. Announcements**

- Willow introduced herself and gave a brief explanation as to why she wanted to be a part of the Tree Advisory Committee.

**B. Event Calendar Review**

- The Committee discussed the Arbor Day Event. See item D for discussion.
- The committee decided to try to have a booth at the Grower's Market with applications for the tree programs. The Grower's Market is held in May.
- Trees to buy are bare root and about 1.2-2 inch. Species is as of yet undecided.

**C. Updates**

- The Parks Department received the first batch of trees to replace ones lost over the year. They are being kept at Riverside.
- We typically get about 40-70 trees per year.

**D. Discuss Arbor Day Event**

- Gearing up for Arbor Day Event, Jeff Nelson picked a dawn redwood to plant at Redwood Park.

- It was suggested to contact District 7 schools that might be interested in Arbor Day trees. We deliver the tree and the school plants it on their property.
- The ceremony is at noon at Redwood Park, on the first Monday of April.
- Members Holzinger, Ballenger, and McBerty volunteered for Arbor Day, most of the committee members should be there.
- Attendance is mostly symbolic, the tree committee talks about who they are and what they do. They throw dirt on the planted tree - ceremonial.

#### **E. Additional Discussion**

- It was asked if we were doing memorial trees. They are taking place – eight trees so far.
- Deadline is coming up for necessary information; send Jeff an email – up to 10 items. Would like to include memorial trees, canopy program, “we plant them, we exist and we’re here for you!” Jeff will only need content and not a layout for the pamphlet.
- Jeff was working on the final draft of the tree map, Steve will ask him to double check that we didn’t lose any of the trees on the map.
- The committee requested an aerial view without shadows for the tree map.

#### **F. Nominations for Significant Tree or Landscape**

- Methodist church and filtration plant
- Jeff would like a vote done so all of the plaques can be done for Arbor Day.

#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Committee Member Love moved and Committee Member McBerty seconded the motion to vote on the current list of nominations including the tree on B Street by the Methodist Church. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Love, Ballenger, McBerty, Ostermeier, Holzinger, and Burnett-DePew. “NAYS”: Reinert. Abstain: None. Absent: Russell. The motion passed.**

- It was requested that the overlap on 2011-2010 be revised, they are same list in reverse order.

#### **G. Comments**

- Dave Russell did an awesome job at strategic planning
- There was an issue in Eugene where newly planted trees were pulled up. It was asked if we do anything to protect newly planted trees in Grants Pass. We stake them if they are planted in softer soil.
- Memorial Tree program starts in mid fall – citizens can buy a tree for \$50 and the city will plant it for them.
- It was suggested to talk at the neighborhood watch meetings about the tree program.
- Currently do not have the man power to inventory the right of ways, the City could do a section each year.

- Current development code on trees was established in the 80's, it needs to be revised to bring more tree canopy to parking lots. The City wants to go based on percentage of coverage rather than trees per spaces. They are looking at what works in other cities and what our soil needs are within Grants Pass.
- Social media options were discussed. The committee is going to look into a possible non-official Facebook page to help advertise events?

**MOTION/VOTE**

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

**Next Meeting: March 14, 2016**

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