

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – September 12, 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 - Absent

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

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

Guests:

I. Business – Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2016.

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member McBerty moved and Committee Member Ostermeier seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2016 meeting as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Love, McBerty, Ballenger, Reinert, Ostermeier, and Holzinger. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Russell and Burnett-DePew. The motion passed.

II. Business - New

A. Announcements

- None.

B. Event Calendar Review

- The committee had a discussion on the Fall tree walk. It will be held at Reinhart Park on October 16th at 1:00pm.
- The committee had a discussion on the tree sale. Vice Chair Love asked the committee members for their input on species.
- The committee had a discussion on the Grower’s Market booth but due to lack of availability of committee members to man the booth this will be postponed until the spring 2017 tree walk.

C. Goal Discussion

- Vice Chair Love let the committee members know that there will be a need to put together three to five goals in the next few meetings
- It was discussed that they will really need to “sell” the goals they choose in order to convince the Councilors to vote for them.
- Member Ballenger suggested that the group of girls she teaches come to Council and give the presentation they took to an Urban Forestry event.

- The committee agreed to ask the girls to come to the next meeting and possibly present to Council with the Urban Tree Committee.

D. Tree Budget Discussion

- The committee asked about funds available for the care of the right-of-way lands that Parks is now in charge of. Jeff let the committee know that Park will likely have the care done via contract.

E. Triangle Discussion

- Jeff let the committee know that they will be replanting the area in question between E and F Streets. They are waiting on the weather to change.
- There was a suggestion to replant this area with the tree committee and make a small event of the replanting.
- A committee member asked about the triangle area by shoes right here - it is an ODOT responsibility.

F. Facebook Update

- Jeff let the committee know that he talked to City Administration about Facebook. Admin would prefer to have anything that the tree committee would want to be on Facebook submitted to them and they will review it put it on the official City Facebook page.
- The committee would like to request to have fall tree walk posted on the City Facebook page.

G. Updates

- Jeff let the committee know that they just completed the annual hazard tree risk analysis – they will be prioritizing tree removals and pruning and have already signed some contracts for work.
- Jeff let the committee know that motions will go to Council for review moving forward and he will look into the rules that would be associated with this,
- Jeff asked the committee for recommendations on species to add or remove from the tree canopy program.
- He suggested that the Ashland tree guide would be a good reference point.

H. Comments

- Member Holzinger let the committee know that on September 28th you can plant a tree and camp for free in Cottage Grove – he will forward the email over to anyone interested.
- Vice Chair Love requested an update on the draft he gave to Lora concerning the canopy trees in parking lots. Jeff read an email that Lora had sent explaining that she had passed the draft to UAPC for review and that she would be following up on September 14.

MOTION/VOTE

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

Next Meeting: October 10, 2016

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