

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

Dave Russell (Chair)
James Love (Vice Chair)
Dan McBerty
William Reinert
Michael Holzinger
Willow Burnett-DePew
Michelle Keip – Absent
Jeff Soash – Absent

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

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

Guests:

Stormy Ballenger
Dana Baughman
Emily Kimmel

I. Business – Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2016.

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Love moved and Committee Member Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Russell, Love, McBerty, Reinert, Holzinger, and Burnett-DePew. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Keip and Soash. The motion passed.

B. Event Calendar Review

- Jeff let the committee know that the rec guide info needs to be in by the end of the month.
- The committee discussed the need for pictures and addresses for colorful fall trees.
- The committee discussed the nominations for significant trees and landscapes; a vote will be taken and finalized in January.

C. Goal Setting

- The committee goals need to be turned in and done with by next meeting.
- Dan discussed the goal setting process with the committee.
- The revision of canopy guidelines is one goal.
- Jeff let the committee know that the landscape amendment is on the UAPC agenda. There will be a 5 minute timeframe for tree committee to go to UAPC to talk about the need for the landscape amendment. Wednesday at 6:00pm. As there are no committee members available Jeff suggested that the committee put something together for Lora to present on their behalf.
- The committee had a discussion on last year’s goals.
- The committee would like to enhance the Arbor Day celebration.
- The tree walk map is in process.
- The list as of now is to increase Arbor Day, the Fall color tour, map of trees, update tree inventory, structural soil, and lighted trees downtown.

- The committee discussed a watering truck for street trees.
- The committee had a discussion on planting excess tree program trees in neighborhoods rather than all in parks.
- The committee had a discussion of planting trees are the welcome sign between E and F.

D. Fall Tree Walk Discussion

- The tree walk will be on October 16th, at 1:00 at Reinhart Park.
- Dave will be there and is looking for volunteers.
- The weather may be bad enough that it will need to be postponed.

E. Updates

- The committee had a discussion in length about the two new members, Stormy missing the application deadline, and would like to know if the committee can have more than eight members to allow Stormy to return. Jeff is going to look into options. The new members will need to be reached out to for the next meeting.

II. Business - New

A. Announcements

- Jeff let the committee know that the City purchased and planted a 16ft redwood for the County's 100 year celebration.
- Tree canopy applications are out.

B. Benefits of Trees in Urban Settings – Guest Presentation

- Stormy brought in two students, Dana and Emily, to give a shortened version of their urban forestry presentation. The girls discussed what Urban Forestry is and the benefits that trees bring to a community. The committee would like for the two girls to present the economic, crime rate, and public health benefits of trees to the City Council for goal setting. Dana and Emily agreed to work on streamlining their presentation for council.

C. Comments

- Bring goals to the next meeting

D. Serial Meetings Discussion

- This item will need to be discussed in the future.

MOTION/VOTE

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

Next Meeting: November 14, 2016

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