

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

Dave Russell - Absent
James Love - Absent
Dan McBerty (acting Chair)
Bill Reinert - Absent
Michael Holzinger
Willow Burnett-DePew
Jeff Soash
Stormy Ballenger

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Jason Sharp (City Council) - Absent
Ken Garrison (City Liaison)

Guests:

I. Business – Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2017.

Correction to the minutes – (New Business, Item B). Dan McBerty’s wife works at Riverside Elementary, not North Middle School.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Holzinger moved and member Soash seconded to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 meeting as corrected. The vote resulted as follows:

“AYES”: Committee Members McBerty, Holzinger, DePew, Soash and Ballenger.

“NAYS”: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Reinert, Russell and Love. **The motion passed.**

B. Event Calendar Review

- Arbor Day celebration will be on April 3 at 1:30 pm at Portola/Eckstein Park. Dan McBerty mentioned there will be 4th grade students in attendance. Some members of this committee will be on hand as well.

C. Updates

- Ken Garrison updated the committee about losing some trees to wind during the last storm. The parks were shut down as well. They lost one pine at Reinhart and 2 trees at Loveless Park. Fortunately no play structures were damaged.

D. Significant Tree and Landscape Award Nominations

- All Care has done a good job with their landscaping. Also the new Outpatient Asante building and the Japanese Maples at Evergreen Federal. Jeff Nelson will drive by and review those today.

II. Business - New

A. Announcements

- Dan asked about the Tree Canopy Program and how to find out where in the process it is. Ken Garrison said that he would mention it to Jeff Nelson.

B. Schools/Arbor Day

- Dan asked who would be at the Arbor Day Celebration. Members Holzinger and DePew will be there. Ken Garrison says the Parks Department will prepare the hole, get the tree planted and provide handouts.

C. Comments -

- Will there be trees added to the spot in front of Clarks Insurance where they fixed the sidewalk?
- Property management is working on putting LED lights in the trees along 6th Street downtown.
- The new sign is in progress in front of City Hall.
- Trees on E and F Street appear to not be getting enough water.
- Jeff Soash asked if there are any properties around town that is not being taken care of where they could plant trees. Group discussed some possibilities, costs involved and other related issues.
- Dan suggested getting some addresses as an example.
- Jeff thought maybe the City could provide them with some addresses.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: April 10, 2017

Minutes prepared by Donna Anderson, City Administration.