

**GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2021 6:30 PM**  
**Council Chambers Room**

**Committee Members:**

Doug Tripp, Chair  
Dan McBerty, Vice Chair  
Michael Holzinger - Telephone  
James Love  
Jeff Soash  
Logan Werner  
Tami McBerty  
Chris Rudd

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Joel King (City Councilor)  
Tony Mecum (Parks)  
Chad Westbrook (Parks) - Absent

**Guests:**

None

**AGENDA:**

- 1. Roll Call:**
  - a. Chair Tripp took roll and started the meeting at 6:30pm.
- 2. Introductions:**
  - a. None
- 3. Items from Public:** (Opportunity for citizens to share information with the Committee regarding items that are not on the agenda).
  - a. None.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2021.

**MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Love moved and Member Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Tripp, Vice Chair McBerty, Members Holzinger, Soash, Werner, Love, T. McBerty and Rudd. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**  
**The motion passed.**

- 5. Action Items:**
  - a. Planting Locations
    1. Current list of locations was discussed by the Committee. Member Rudd visited the locations and provided his comments. Urban forester discussed communication he had with Lumen (formerly CenturyLink) for the location at M and D street. Member Love offered to provide a rendering of what the location would look like with trees. Member Werner mentioned that there are cameras across the street, which may be a factor.
    2. Committee discussed using the Tree Canopy Program for the planting locations. Vice Chair McBerty was not in favor of using the program for these locations and was in favor of City funding the tree plantings through other means. Member Werner proposed a commercial zone version of the Tree Canopy Program.
    3. Councilor King recommended that the urban forester create a proposal for the current location of trees. This would include number of trees, expenses, and additional information for the committee to consider for requesting funding through Council.
    4. Member Love mentioned locations along Rogue River Highway where trees have been damaged or removed.

5. Chair Tripp requested urban forester to look at current list and move forward with recommended tree species based on planter strip size. Councilor King requested that a budget be put together as well.
  6. Chair Tripp requested information on Property Management's watering costs.
- b. Landscape Awards
1. Members discussed their observations on the current list of nominees. Member Soash wanted to recognize the trees in the Grocery Outlet parking lot, but not through a Landscape Award.
  2. Councilor King requested urban forester prepare a letter for the Committee to send to Grocery Outlet.
  3. Member T. McBerty recommended that the Landscape Awards be for the top landscapes. This could encourage other property owners to improve their landscaping.
  4. Member Love discussed the merits of large canopy trees over small trees where locations can accommodate large species.
  5. The Committee decided to acknowledge the following locations for Landscape Awards:
    - i. Crater Car Wash
    - ii. Cascade Self Storage
    - iii. Ginkgos on F Street
    - iv. Oak Court on A Street

#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Love moved and Member Soash seconded the motion to award Landscape Awards for the four properties (Crater Car Wash, Cascade Self Storage, Ginkgos on F Street, and Oak Court on A Street). The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Chair Tripp, Vice Chair McBerty, Members Holzinger, Soash, Werner, Love, T. McBerty and Rudd. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.**

- c. Tree Protection Policies
  1. Urban forester reviewed current tree protection policies.
  2. Urban forester reviewed his current findings and said that he needs more time to compile tree protection policies from other cities.
- d. Stormy's Memorial Tree
  1. Coast redwood will be planted at Tussing Park.
  2. Committee members contributed to the \$100 Memorial Tree application fee.
- e. Washington Survey Results
  1. Neighborhood survey results were shared by urban forester. Black tupelos were the preferred over swamp white oaks.

#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Holzinger moved and Vice Chair McBerty seconded the motion to recommend Black Tupelos for the Washington BLVD. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Chair Tripp, Vice Chair McBerty, Members Holzinger, Soash, Werner, Love, T. McBerty and Rudd. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.**

#### **6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:**

- a. Urban forester mentioned Landscape/Xeriscape Amendment will be presented at the March 29<sup>th</sup> Council workshop.
- b. Arbor Day Proclamation and Heritage Tree nominations will be presented at April 21 Council meeting.
- c. Hiroshima Peace Tree will be planted at the water restoration plant.
- d. Urban forester will investigate possible collaboration between UTAC and Committee on Public Art.
- e. Member Werner requested the City provide a sign for contractors to display when a hazardous tree is removed. Member Holzinger mentioned streets division has a sign printer.

**7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**

- a. Planting Locations
- b. Letter for notable landscaping
- c. Review of Council Workshop on March 29th
- d. Update on Stormy's tree

**8. Adjournment**

- a. Member Holzinger moved and Member Love seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:10 PM. All present approved.

**Next Meeting: April 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

*Minutes prepared by Tony Mecum, Urban Forester, Community Development & Public Works*