

**GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2022, 6:30 PM**  
**City Council Chambers**

**Committee Members:**

Doug Tripp, Chair  
David Renton, Vice Chair - Absent  
Michael Holzinger - Virtual  
James Love - Absent  
Dan McBerty  
Chris Rudd  
Nicole Kieffer - Absent  
Barbra Villona - Virtual

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Curt Collins (City Councilor)  
Wade Elliott (Public Works)  
Jason Canady (Public Works)

**Guests:**

None

**AGENDA:**

**1. Roll Call:**

- a. Chair Tripp started the meeting at 6:30 pm. Members, Council and Staff Liaisons introduced themselves.

**2. Introductions:** None

**3. Public Comments:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2022.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

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

**5. Action Items:**

- a. Introductions of new City Liaisons – done in introductions
- b. Heritage Tree Nominations – Monkey Puzzle Tree on Harbeck approximately 30-year range, Councilor Collins suggests members look at a couple of trees on Harbeck. Councilor Collins offered to approach the owner(s) of the tree about the application process to see if they were interested. Member Holzinger suggested the tree in the alley at 4<sup>th</sup> and G streets and the Coastal Redwood at the Water Filtration Plant. Member McBerty suggested a Ginkgo and Cherry Tree on a 1938 residential property.
- c. Tree Planting Locations –
  - Member McBerty previously provided Tony Mecum with a thumb drive with possible locations. Wade has and will share locations with the committee.
  - Councilor Collins briefly discussed the Downtown Plan account and why it is not being used as it was recently discussed in a Council meeting. The report submitted was general locations. More specifics are needed such as species for specific locations which should come from our new Urban Forester. As mentioned in previous minutes there are three spots on Grandview Avenue as well. Jason will create a spreadsheet, if it does not exist already, with locations and species previously discussed. It will be shared with all to follow as trees are planted and add new locations as identified. Tony Mecum also proposed to include in the cost

of planting new trees to include 3-years of watering to ensure trees get established. This was very good news for the members.

- Drury Lane was also mentioned.
  - Rogue River Highway birch trees that were planted did not survive.
  - A suggestion to talk to schools about planting trees on or near them and include students in the process. City staff will reach out to the school district or board and bring back info to members.
  - In the 60s, trees were removed on 6<sup>th</sup> Street from A to B Streets due to gas station complaints. Is there any plan to put in new tree wells and return trees to that portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Street? Jason discussed looking into grants and working with current business owners to ensure they would welcome the new trees. De-paving is a valid beneficial and environmental thing to do as mentioned by members.
- d. Tree Walk and Tags – Wade presented tree tags and supplies for the project. Member Villona will send out a poll to members on availability to complete.
  - e. Arbor Day Planning – Discussions about planting a tree for Arbor Day ensued. Members would like to see a large event with the public, Council members, and schools, and to invite Ginger (Croxtton) Ford if at Croxtton Park. Jason will convey any Arbor Day planning to members since it's April 29.

#### **6. Matters from Committee Members**

- a. Did articles 23 and 25 get adopted? Jason stated they were adopted but did not have all the details at hand.
- b. Recommend to the Council to raise the tree deposit. Jason did not recall a motion being made and would review past minutes to see what happened.

#### **7. Matters from Staff**

- Please bear with us.
- Asked if the committee would entertain an earlier time in the evening to help with staffing.

#### **8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**

- a. Heritage Tree Nominations
- b. Tree Planting Locations
- c. Tree Walk and Tags
- d. Grants for Restoring Tree Wells
- e. Updates on Tree Deposits
- f. Earlier Time for Meetings

#### **9. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22 pm

**Next Meeting: May 9, 2022, at 6:30 PM**

*Minutes prepared by Wendy Higgins, City Public Works Department*