

GRANTS PASS URBAN TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes June 12, 2023, 6:30 PM
River Room

Committee Members:

Doug Tripp, Chair
Michael Holzinger, Vice Chair - Virtual
James Love
Barbra Villona
Nicole Kieffer - Virtual
Diana Thornton - Absent
Michael Cartmill
Cambrie Nelson

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

James Pasley – Urban Forester
Joel King - City Council

Guests:

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call:

- a. Chair Tripp took roll and started meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. Introductions:

3. Public Comments:

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of Minutes from: May 8, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Member Villona moved, and Vice Chair Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023, as submitted. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Trip, Vice Chair Holzinger Members Love, Villona, Kieffer, Cartmill and Nelson. “NAYS”: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Member Thornton. The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

a. Urban Forestry Management Plan

- Councilor King shared about the draft he is working on for Chapter 2, “Mandates and Current Urban Forestry Management”
 - To include federal, state, and local along with NGOs
- Councilor King advised brainstorming future projects to add to the management plan such as riparian habitat restoration
- Member Cartmill inquired how the plan is adopted
 - Councilor King responded that it provides direction but doesn’t put requirements in place. The plan can be followed or not.
- Urban Forester Pasley to assign sections for review from the UFMP to Committee Members

b. Street Tree List

- Urban Forester Pasley presented 30+ potential trees to add to the street tree list. Many were recommendations from other urban foresters or other street tree lists from cities with similar climates
- The street tree list needs to include options for species suitable for planting under power lines

- Vice Chair Holzinger asked about Fire resistance and Urban Forester Pasley will provide a smaller recommendation list based off of fire resistant species

c. Inflation Reduction Act – Urban & Community Forestry Grant

- The city applied for this grant and we are eligible without having to match funding since we are considered a disadvantaged community
- “Grants Pass Urban Tree Canopy Revitalization Program”
 - Complete Tree Inventory
 - Includes purchase of Tree Management Software
 - Plant 500+ Trees
 - Prioritizing low canopy, high heat, and low income areas
 - Installation and maintenance for three years
 - Local Contractors and seasonal city employees
 - Installation of Community Orchard and Tree Nursery in Park Reserves
 - Wildfire Mitigation of Park Reserve Properties
 - Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation
 - Includes removals and replanting in both urban and natural areas
 - Does not include systemic pesticide applications

d. Tree Walk Brochures

- Urban Forester Pasley has identified the trees that have been removed from the existing tree walks
- Need to select new replacement trees
- Long Term Goals
 - Mobile compatibility – QR codes and Online Maps
 - Patch or Badge for kids who complete
 - Environmental Interpretation – signage and specimen trees
 - Spring and Fall Tree Walks (Flowers and Foliage) could be incorporated

6. Matters from Committee Members

- Member Villona brought in her Tree Board Handbook from the Arbor Day Foundation. She suggested getting more to help our committee members
- Member Villona also suggested creating a checklist or form for heritage tree applicants.
 - There were issues formalizing it with the city and county
 - Vice Chair Holzinger said historically there was a proclamation form that the mayor signed

7. Matters from Staff

- Urban Forester Pasley will try to arrange for the new Firewise Coordinator to come to a future meeting

8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- Urban Forestry Management Plan
- Firewise Street Trees

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm

Next Meeting: June 12th, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Minutes prepared by James Pasley, Urban Forester

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