

**CITY OF COOS BAY
TREE BOARD MINUTES**

Meeting of February 4, 2015

Tree Board members present: Chair, Rex Miller; Ariann Lyons; Cora Vandervelden and Sarah Crawford

Tree Board members absent: Jake Robinson; Kim Singh

Staff Present: Jon Eck, Pam Patton
(Randy was unable to attend)

Guest N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rex Miller brought the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Rex asked for a motion to accept the minutes of January 12, 2015 as written.

MOTION: Cora Vandervelden motioned to approve the minutes as written
SECOND: Ariann Lyons
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Aye's unanimous, motion carried

CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Removal:

1980 1/2 N 14th – Nick Workhoven submitted by Steve Holmes. Steve Holmes' assessment was attached to request. Property owner agreed to pay for the removal. Trees located on Koosbay Blvd east of address (south of Pine). Trees had been topped for a view for a number of years and now hang over the street. Jon stated the hillside was steep but he thought the stabilization would not be an issue. Jon agreed with the request and recommended tree removal. The board did not have opportunity to do a site visit but agreed to do after this meeting and would email their decision to Pam so a motion was not made at this time.

(Cora, Sarah and Rex reported back to have them removed)

After-the-Fact:

555 13th Court – Jon gave details of his site inspection to the Tree Board. Tree planted directly over the sewer lateral and was removed due to emergency repair of lateral.

1480 N 10th Ct – Trees are located in the Juniper ROW. Trees have heavy Ivy growth and a dangerous lean over neighboring property. Jon's assessment was that the trees posed an immediate threat and were removed 01/29/15.

UPDATE CITY TREE LIST:

The development of a New Tree List / Street-Tree Plan and the development of Zones; ROW

A handout of the existing tree list along with a copy of a tree list from another municipality that was comparable in population and climate was given to each member.

Criteria to be considered was a bit overwhelming i.e. height for downtown, shape, screen, block (theme), trunk (main streets-arterial) and canopy. The board also discussed seasonal color quality and problems with awnings, sidewalks.

Rex presented his handout that he had done earlier.

1. Street trees suited for sidewalk areas along major streets. Large scale, canopy must be trimmed to 8 feet.

- Framework Trees
Maples – Armstrong, Red Sunset
Pear (flowering) – Chanticleer
Oak – Pin Oak, Red Oak

Examples are Hwy 101 N & S, Market, Commercial, Central, 4th, 2nd and D Street in Eastside.

**The street should follow a theme. No hodge podge planting. Maples are best suited for major streets.

2. Street trees for less busy streets or residential areas:

- Flowering Plum
- Styrax
- Stewartia
- Carpinus (Hornbeam)
- Norway Maple
- Flowering Cherry?

Small scale, slower traffic and more pedestrian usage. Flowering trees and trees known for their shape and Fall color do not belong on busy, fast streets. Watch the road – “NO DISTRACTIONS.”

Examples of these plantings would be S 5th, Date, N 8th, Curtis, Ingersoll, Elrod, Hall and Golden.

**The blocks should follow a theme. Make a statement, give an area an identity. Have a plan and follow it. 6th, 7th and 8th streets in Eugene are good examples.

3. Trees Not to be used as street trees – NO Evergreens on public streets

- Populus (Cottonwood); Liriodendron (Tulip Tree); Magnolias; Alder; Birch; Cercis (Red Bud) Albizzia, Ash, Cercidiphyllum, Corylas, Ginkgo, Gleditsia, Laburnum, Oxydendron, Rhus, Salix, Sorbus and Tilia and Cherry Family. *Loe Honey Locust*
- Fraxinus (Ash) – short lived, brittle wood, insect prone
- Hawthorn – fire blight
- Robinia – Messy leaves and fruit, rangy and poor form. Okay for a park but not a street tree *locust*
- Liquidambar (Sweet Gum) – Wild running roots and suckers. See local post office for examples.

MOTION: Cora Vandervelden motioned to approve Rex's list to incorporate into existing list and to amend as needed.
DISCUSSION:
SECOND: Ariann Lyons
VOTE: Aye's unanimous, motion carried

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Rex brought a map that had been used in prior years and he shared with the board that there had been 191 trees planted in the downtown area costing upwards of \$50,000. The task of tree selection is an arduous and immense undertaking.

Sarah shared that she would like to see more interest in trunks and trunk color. Hard to make suggestions without a picture.

STAFF COMMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Patton

APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 23rd DAY OF April, 2015.

Attest:


Pamela Patton, Staff


Rex Miller, Chair

