

**CITY OF COOS BAY
TREE BOARD MINUTES
LUNCH MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2013**

Tree Board members present: Ariann Lyons, Cora Vandervelden, Jake Robinson
Kim Singh, Mike Vaughan

Tree Board members absent: Rex Miller, Beth Clarkson

Staff Present: Randy Dixon, Jon Eck, Pam Patton

Guest: Skip Shipman with Trees Inc. They are contracted
with PP&L to do maintenance.

Call to Order – Randy Dixon conducted the meeting as Rex Miller was unavailable. Roll Call was taken – April Minutes not available

Unfinished Business:

Time didn't allow review of suggested updates to the Tree List submitted by Rex Miller and Jake Robinson.

New Business:

398 N Wall – Warren & Glenice Gatlin – Staff did a site inspection and reported that it is an old spruce tree and subject to losing branches in a wind storm. The tree was in the ROW. Staff recommended removal of tree. Jon was asked to update the Board on his inspection. The Spruce is shedding badly and dropping branches so for safety reasons the tree should come down.

MOTION: Jake Robinson agreed with staff recommendation and motioned for removal.

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Cora Vandervelden

VOTE: Ayes unanimous, motion carried.

After the Fact: 1608 Margaretta – Jennifer Andrews. Dangerous tree has three stems and is showing signs of rot in center. This is a bull pine and one stem is hanging over house. It was authorized for removal at 10:15am on 5/16/13. Jon did confirm that it was a life/safety issue and did due-diligence.

After the Fact: 766/784 SW Boulevard – Steve & Melinda Hasel. Large mature Myrtle tree that has been cut back at one time and now is 50-60ft. There are dead branches and other branches that are leaning towards a nearby home. They reported the tree to be unhealthy. It is undetermined if tree is in ROW. After further investigation and survey, one tree was in the ROW the other belonged to property owner and that both trees are involved. The tree farther east belongs to owners and the other tree is in the ROW. It has been agreed by both parties that limbing will be done by the City. Staff stated the limbing took place by an arborist and it was also cleaned up. The homeowner without notice hired another arborist and removed both trees, the tree in the ROW and theirs.

Randy will do the follow-up regarding mitigated damages. Skip Shipman, Tree Inc., reminded the Board that if the tree is within 10ft of primary power conductor, PP&L are to be called. Staff confirmed that it was not a power line but a Frontier line.

1189 Park Avenue – Sheri Banes. Homeowner feels tree is unsafe and should come down. Staff has completed a site inspection. Alder tree was trimmed by PP&L contractor, Trees, Inc. Ivy was removed. Staff recommends tree stays at this time. Cora recommended that the tree remain. Jake suggested that if the property owner, allow removal at the property owner's expense. We shouldn't spend our resources. It was agreed that a letter go to property owner with scope of work outlined.

MOTION: Ariann Lyons agreed with Staff's recommendation that the City not remove.

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Jake Robinson

VOTE: Ayes Unanimous Motion carried.

235 Anderson – City of Coos Bay. Removal of remaining trees between 2nd & 3rd due to rot at base. One tree has blown over and others are ready to do same. Staff recommends removing dangerous trees and replanting with suitable approved species. They are the downtown corridor trees there at the Coos Art Museum. We are trying to stay ahead before it creates a life/safety issue. Skip Shipman offered assistance if involves power lines. It was discovered that it was a flag pole not power pole. Mike asked that the flag pole be given to the boat school. A discussion period progressed regarding sidewalk replacement/repair, street tree species and the development of district/zone policy of the Parks Master Plan. Randy will do a PSA clarifying purpose of doing the removal.

MOTION: Jake Robinson agreed with Staff's recommendation for removal

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Kim Singh

VOTE: Ayes Unanimous Motion carried.

After the Fact: Mingus Park – City of Coos Bay Large Maple is unsafe, leaning over trail. High winds had tipped a tree causing roots to pull from the ground. Staff recommended immediate removal. Tree was removed 6/7/13. Jon informed the Board that the tree is large enough that they will be able to mill and repurpose the lumber down at the boardwalk.

2185 Pine/25th - City of Coos Bay. A dangerous tree, Douglas Fir, approximately 90ft. Top is ready to break out from stress fracture where it joins the old tree. See arborist report. Randy briefly read from the report. Staff recommends removal.

MOTION: Cora Vandervelden agreed with Staff's recommendation for removal

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Jake Robinson

VOTE: Ayes Unanimous Motion carried.

1155 and 1165 Newmark –Business Owner. Owner of buildings, Clairdale LLC., is requesting the removal of streetscape trees as they are blocking the signage of multiple businesses. Staff recommends removal. There is a conflict with power lines because of low lying lines. Trees planted under two (2) power lines. Randy reminded the Board that this too is an area of

district/zone policy that the Parks Master Plan is developing. There is a need to have a work session regarding trees/plantings and low lying vegetation versatility as the City is looking to remove and replant all trees under power lines. Randy will also do a PSA as to reason for removal that is requested by business owner. Skip Shipman mentioned that they will be scheduled to be in the downtown area and maybe could assist if they knew ahead of time those selected for removal and they could use a growth regulator to slow the growth allowing up to six (6) years for process of removing.

MOTION: Cora Vandervelden agreed with Staff's recommendation for removal and requested that the replanting occur in the fall to allow establishing its base with the consistent rains.

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Jake Robinson

VOTE: Ayes Unanimous Motion carried.

100 block S 4th – Street Tree-City of Coos Bay. Tree is dying and needs to be replaced. Tree is located adjacent to US Bank. Jon briefed the Board that the tree is very stressed and losing the top. Removal will allow time to re-dig the hole and have the soil amended. Randy asked hold off on the replanting and to update the map that Jon and Rex had collaborated on over the course of four (4) years identifying dying trees.

MOTION: Jake Robinson agreed with Staff's recommendation for removal

DISCUSSION: None

SECOND: Mike Vaughan

VOTE: Ayes Unanimous Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mike Vaughan asked why the stump was left on 7th/Anderson area. Jon stated it was left to be used for leverage for later removal of other trees

Kim Singh asked about the trees at Wal Mart. Randy has been in touch with Wal Mart and they will trim and clean them up but will not remove. The trees are not planted in the ROW.

Further discussion pursued regarding various tree species, continuity of look and size and branching uniformity.

STAFF COMMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Patton

APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 5th DAY OF Dec, 2013.

Attest:


Pamela Patton, Staff


Rex Miller, Chair