

# CITY OF COOS BAY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of October 1, 2015

**TREE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Rex Miller; Ariann Lyons; Cora Vandervelden;  
Grant Walding; Meredith Childs and Skip Shipman

**TREE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sarah Crawford

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jon Eck, Randy Dixon, Jim Hossley, Pam Patton

**GUEST :** N/A

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Rex Miller brought the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

**CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENT:** N/A

## **OLD BUSINESS: UPDATES**

- 342 S Marple – Rex asked Jon for an update on the tree removal. Jon did verify that the tree was located in the ROW. Trees Inc. have agreed to remove the rotten tree but the City staff has been unable to make contact to schedule a time frame but it will be ongoing until completed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rex announced that he is stepping down from chairman of the Tree Board and asked for nominations and/or recommendations. Skip Shipman and Cora Vandervelden were listed as nominees but Skip didn't know how he got on the "list" but he had to withdraw as he is already overly committed. No other volunteers came forth.

A vote was called to accept Cora Vandervelden as the new chairperson of the Tree Board.

**VOTE: Ayes were unanimous and Cora accepted her appointment.**

Cora presided over the remainder of the meeting.

- The next item on the agenda was the "Amending Tree Board Ordinance #181." The Council had approved the amendment addressing the Composition and Procedures section of the ordinance that pertained to residency and holding a position on a committee. Randy asked that the board take a few minutes to read the revision. He then asked if there were any questions. It was asked if there would be a Councilperson appointed to the Tree Board. Jim Hossley, Public Works Director, stated that if commitment and schedule allowed, a councilperson would attend the meetings. Rex Miller was concerned that if a councilperson was not attending and the Tree Board had a recommendation that needed to be taken to City Council, it would not be accurately represented. Jim reassured that the Council was kept abreast of the board minutes, agendas, findings and that the Council took the Tree Board seriously and valued their judgement. Randy asked Pam to make a note to send Rodger the minutes from each meeting that he may convey them to the Council.

- Jon presented as an F.Y.I. a request for removal that was submitted by Charles Turner. He stated that the Laurel hedge and other plants in the ROW at 376 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue were endangering an electrical service drop. Jon notified the property owner that it is the abutting property owner's responsibility to maintain. Jon also stated that PP&L would come out and drop the line until the work is done and then return when notified to come out and hookup the line. Jon did confirm that it was a secondary line.

- Jon reported that a 30-foot Pine tree located on N Main near Schetter had a severe lean and the tree had no branches on the north side of the tree making it one sided. Jon and Randy were concerned that if it fell, it would take out a major utility line that is directly across the roadway. Skip, with Trees Inc., will have Don go out and take a look.

- Cora asked for a motion to accept the July 9<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**MOTION:** Rex motioned to accept the minutes as written  
**DISCUSSION:** N/A  
**SECOND:** Skip  
**VOTE:** Ayes were unanimous and motion carried. July 9<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Rex reported that he is seeing more and more of Pampas Grass that is out of control, especially the west end of town at industrial areas and empty lots. Pampas Grass is now listed as an invasive species and he felt that we needed to be active in keeping it contained and under control.

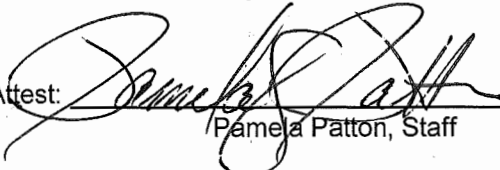
**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Randy welcomed newly appointed Meredith Childs and that we looked forward to working with him.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:20pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Patton

**APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Dec, 2015.**

Attest:   
Pamela Patton, Staff

  
Cora Vanderveldon, Chair