

**CITY OF COOS BAY
TREE BOARD/URBAN FORESTRY
MINUTES**

Meeting of January 29, 2016

TREE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Cora Vandervelden; Ariann Lyons;
Meredith Childs; Rex Miller; Skip Shipman

TREE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Crawford; Grant Walding; Tom Leahy

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Eck, Randy Dixon, Pam Patton

GUEST : Don Garnett, Trees Inc.

Chair brought the meeting to order and roll call was taken. The minutes of December 17th were not ready for approval.

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENT: n/a

OLD BUSINESS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Removal Request:

- 366 8th Avenue – Jean Rugh. NW corner of property in ROW. Homeowner feels tree is dangerous and almost hit her home during a wind gust on 1/16/16. Staff review/recommendation from Jon. An arborist assessed tree and feels it is safe. Recommends removal of branches that are close to the deck. The Fir is approximately 75 feet. The arborist was Patrick Meyers. Jon will follow-up with copy of Patrick's report. Clara asked if there was a motion

MOTION: Rex motioned that a letter be sent to property owner per arborist's recommendation to remove the limbs.

DISCUSSION:

SECOND: Skip

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous and motioned carried.

- 333 S 4th – Bristol Properties – Both trees show signs of root compaction. The tree south of crosswalk has uplifted the sidewalk causing a tripping hazard. Staff review/recommendation is to remove unhealthy trees, repair sidewalk, and plant new trees at recommended spacing, existing trees are currently at 21 feet. Several pictures were included. The Sunsets are to be replaced with the Armstrong Maple. Cora asked if there was a motion.

MOTION: Rex motioned that the two trees be removed and replace with proper species at the proper spacing.

DISCUSSION:

SECOND: Meredith

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous and motioned carried.

Creating the Urban Forestry Plan

- Develop Districts or Zones
- Writing a policy to mirror with City Ordinance
- Name the species per zone.
- A perfect time to add additional definitions/topics to Chapter 8 of the CBMC. Definitions listed are: Purpose; Tree Board – composition and procedures and the Duties of the Tree Board.

The zones or locations were identified:

- Zone 1 – Downtown
- Zone 2 – Newmark to Empire Blvd
- Zone 3 – Empire Blvd to Wisconsin
- Zone 4 – Residential
- Zone 5 – Parks

The species for Zones 1-3 will be similar as the Empire zone has different exposures. The board wanted to encourage the residential zone to go with variety, allowing a broader plant list so their species list is "what not to plant." The board would like to see nurseries get involved to help that property owner when making selections. Randy would like to see the community engaged and will be doing PR to educate the people making them aware of the CBMC. The use of title companies, realtors to aid the buyers regarding property lines and locating the right-a-way.

Randy will establish a Capital Plan line item in the budget. This will help in pre-planning for future projects.

BOARD COMMENTS:

STAFF COMMENTS:

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:15pm

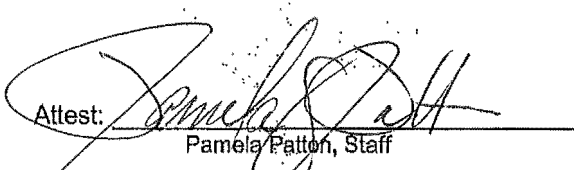
Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Patton

APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 11th DAY OF March, 2016.



Cora Vanderveldon, Chair

Attest:


Pamela Patton, Staff

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