

CITY OF COOS BAY
TREE BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2017

Members Present: Chair, Cora Vandervelden; Ariann Lyons, E.C. Knox, Rex Miller, Grant Walding, Brian Allen, Meredith Childs.
Members Absent: none
City Staff Present: Jon Eck, Pam Patton
City Staff Absent: Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator
Guests Present: Steve Miller – Firestone Enterprise (Red Lion Hotel)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Cora Vandervelden called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Cora asked for minutes to be approved of June 3rd. Minutes were not available at this time. Unfortunately, there was an audio failure with sketchy notes.

Cora asked our new member, Brian Allen, to introduce himself and tell us a little bit about himself.

Skip Shipman of Trees Inc., will no longer be in the area. They will be relocating to Roseburg. Trees Inc. lost the contract for tree maintenance with PP&L. Skip mentioned that the contract went to two companies, Wright Trees and Mowbrays Tree Service. Both companies are from outside the area.

OLD BUSINESS

After the fact – City Approved:

5/31 - 400 Anderson Ave - US Bank parking lot improvements. All removals private property

6/02 – 212 S 5th – Banner Bank – Tree Branches rubbing against exterior wall & roof. Pat Myers will trim per discussion with Jon Eck.

6/03 – City of Coos Bay – Empire Blvd south of Lattin. Spruce tree is in scope of work for street widening and will be severely damaged by excavation. Authorized contractor, Patrick Meyers, to remove tree.

6/09 – 1980 1/2 N 14th – Four trees are leaning and could fall into traffic as they front Koosbay Blvd. Arborist determined to pose safety risk. Authorized removal on 6/9/16 for safety. Patrick Meyers to do removal.

6/21 – 1095 Garfield – Dangerous tree growing out of rotting stump. Abutting property owner to remove tree at his expense.

10/19 – 700 N 8th St – Birch ROW NW corner. Abutting 625 Birch Ave & 615 Birch Ave. Trees appear to be on private property. Home owner to remove trees as needed. No action necessary.

11/10 – 1049 N Johnson – Sun Building – Tree has grown around Pacific Power Pole and is putting stress on pole and guide wire. Contractor was granted permission to remove tree.

11/14 – City of Coos Bay - NW Corner of Anderson & 5th – Tree has rotten trunk and in danger of falling. Tree is too close to intersection. City will remove tree and fill well.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Removal Requests: .

- 640 Newmark – Empire Mercantile/ Shawn Frost– Tree needs to be trimmed. Encroaching Newmark to the point where customers have hit and torn branches from the tree. We are having a full façade remodel done very soon and the tree is touching the canopy. The new canopy will project out another ten inches. A discussion regarding the use of growth regulator and different techniques of pruning/trimming. **The board agreed to table for staff to do a site investigation.**

- 1005 Hemlock Ave – Nian & Stan Porter - South end of property, tree on the bank facing N 10th St. Tree has died. Since the tree is dead and concern for safety becomes an issue, Cora asked for a motion.

MOTION: Rex motioned for the tree to be removed.

DISCUSSION:

SECOND: Skip

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous, motion approved.

- 1313 N Bayshore - Red Lion – Stephen Miller/Firestone Enterprises - Trees along Ivy, N7th, Hemlock next to building. Unhealthy, roots lifting sidewalk and foundation, branches rubbing on building and continued maintenance/repair. Cora asked for any input. Remove large fir tree on north side of building that is starting to raise sidewalk. Trim other trees for clearance of building. Trees Inc. says no wire problems that there was adequate clearance of power lines.

MOTION: Rex motioned to allow them to trim for building clearance and removal of one tree at the office.

DISCUSSION: Cora requested another site visit to check if trimming done appropriately.

SECOND: EC

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous, motion approved.

- 230 S 2nd St – Santiago Rodriguez – Puerto Vallarta – Tree needs to be trimmed or removed. Encroaching on building and side walk with the roots. Staff recommended clearance from the building and will revisit if any sidewalk issues as it was unclear.

MOTION: Ariann motioned that trimming approved for clearance of building.

DISCUSSION:

SECOND: Grant

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous, motion approved.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

Rex asked Jon regarding City trimming in the community if a product used ‘tree heal with no black tar?’ If it is the size of a nickel or larger, it needs to be covered.

No further comments.

There being no further business to come before the Tree Board, by consensus of the Tree Board, Chair adjourned the meeting at 1 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Patton
Staff

APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 28th DAY OF Sept, 2017

Cora Vanderveldon
Cora Vanderveldon, Chair

Attest: Pamela Patton
Pamela Patton, City Staff

