

CITY OF COOS BAY  
TREE BOARD MINUTES  
April 5, 2018

**Members Present:** Chair, Cora Vandervelden; Ariann Lyons, Blair Holman, Brian Allen, Catherine Walworth, Meredith Childs and Rex Miller

**Members Absent:** Grant Walding

**City Staff Present:** Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, Jon Eck, Operations Superintendent and Pam Patton

**Guests Present:** Randy Duncan, Wright Tree Service, Jennifer Wirsing, City Engineer & Will Dawson, Engineer with Civil West

**Location:** City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Chair Cora Vandervelden called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mingus Park Sewer Replacement Project. Presentation given by Jennifer Wirsing along with Will Dawson. A set of plans and mapping were given to the Tree Board for their review. The project identified three trees for removal. Due to the length of the agenda, the Board would review the findings from the Parks Commission and will notify them with their findings by Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

2. Rex brought to the Board. Street trees on Market St. Trees were removed during the sidewalk project the City was doing on Market St between N Broadway and N 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The tree roots had caused considerable damage to sidewalk and curb. Owners would like to replace with small street tree rather than Armstrong Maple. The board discussed and didn't want to go off policy. They wanted to stay consistent and uniform for corridor street trees

**Motion:** Rex motioned for the city to speak with owners and tries to prevail and allow re-plant with Armstrong Maple.

**Discussion:**

**Second:** Ariann

**Vote:** Ayes unanimous. Motioned carried

**Tree Removal Request**

465 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Ct. - Tree has gotten too big and is a safety issue. Property owner wants to trim tree. Tree had been previously pruned and had three tops. Staff stated that the neighbor across the street who made an issue about this but Jon stated that it was a nice healthy and beautiful Douglas Fir tree. His recommendation was to allow trimming/limbing it up to city standard. Have an arborist limb it.

**Motion:** Ariann motioned for property owner to trim/limbing it up according to city standard. Educate property owner in how to maintain a healthy tree and give clearance and risk management.

**Discussion:**

**Second:** Rex

**Vote:** Ayes unanimous. Motion carried

908 S 5<sup>th</sup> St – 2 Cherry tree appears to be diseased and damaged. Staff recommended to remove the tree and replace with similar species.

**Motion:** Rex motioned to remove and replace with same species.

**Discussion:**

**Second:** Brian

**Vote:** Ayes unanimous. Motion carried

1349 Highland Ave – Tree being smothered by Ivy and becoming a safety hazard. Property owner was asked to present an arborist report in order for the request to move forward or have the Ivy removed. Undetermined ownership without a survey. If crown is over 50 percent, then tree would be considered in the ROW. No motion was necessary

574 Hall Ave – 2 trees are unhealthy and unsightly. There are power lines involved. Trees were identified as European Birch and are on the Replacement Plan (14 trees total). The City will come in first to repair sidewalks. The power company will remove both trees and replace at their cost if city takes care of the firewood. Look at next fiscal year to get going.

942 S 5<sup>th</sup> St – Tree could be rotten as trunk had a hole in it. Staff authorized removal. Arborist, Steve Holmes will evaluate the 2<sup>nd</sup> tree. Randy thought it best for it to be re-evaluated and then can issue letter to remove hazardous tree per ordinance or City will do removal and will issue the property owner an invoice for the work that has been done.

1390 Washington – 2 trees westside of house and 2 trees on the south have become dangerous. Staff inspected the trees with Patrick Myers, certified arborist. Recommends removal. Patrick Myers did write a report and trees have already been removed.

321 S 5<sup>th</sup> St – Request to trim the trees in the mow strip. Since it was in the mow strip, it is city responsibility. Jon and others said that it was just ugly and needed to go away.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS**

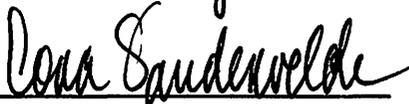
Randy welcomed all the new members.

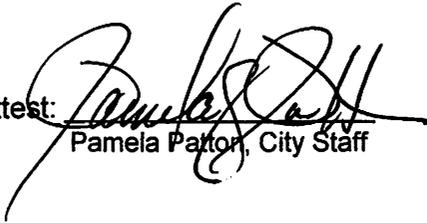
Arbor Day is Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Work will be the downtown area. Catherine, a retired journalist, asked that PR information be sent to her and she would write a story and get it into the paper, usually free. Rotary is anticipating giving \$3,000 donation for trees.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2018

  
Cora Vanderveldon, Chair

Attest:   
Pamela Patton, City Staff

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