

CITY OF COOS BAY
TREE BOARD MINUTES
November 8, 2018

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

Members Absent: Catherine Walworth and Grant Walding

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

Guests Present:

Location: City Hall

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Removal Request

1. ROW - School District #9 is requesting removal of a row of trees that abut 'B' St on the north end of Millicoma Middle School. It has been proposed to remove 50 trees to provide a major parking lot. Randy inquired if the trees were sizeable and if they could be milled. A discussion followed in regard to trees being planted by the school but were planted in the ROW. Also, it was mentioned that the trees might have been planted in memory of someone? It was thought that the trees were 30 years old. Randy will investigate and bring it back to the Tree Board with the history.

Motion: Ariann motioned to approve with stipulation of history and dedication and replanting is species appropriate in ROW.

Discussion:

Second: Blair

Vote: Ayes unanimous. Motioned carried

2. 1625 California Ave – Fir tree on City property west front corner by street. Should it be removed, limb-up to thin out and remove ivy. It was thought to be a Fir. If tree removed, there could be possible erosion. Randy did remind everyone that we are Tree City USA. He asked the board to allow staff to re-evaluate the health and have an arborist assess.

Motion: Table - Let staff re-evaluate health. Have arborist assess whether to limb up, just monitor?

Vote: It was agreed to table for re-evaluation.

3. 682 N 3rd Ct – Jon received a call from property owner about some dangerous trees. Upon his inspection, the northern tree was rotten and posed a safety risk. He authorized an immediate removal. The southern tree was not so obvious, so he recommended that they have a certified arborist evaluate the tree. They were working with Patrick Myers and will have him look at the tree for further action.

Motion: Table - Jon was asked to do follow up report. 2nd tree to the south Patrick Meyers to assess.

FYI - Unlawful Tree Removal

Tree removal on Fulton, 710 Cammann is a corner lot, was not permitted. Enforcement issue. Impact to abutting right-of-way and city loss, assessment is based on the going rate per cord of wood. The property owner will be invoiced for the 5 trees for a total of \$1,825.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Cora asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018. It was brought to attention that the attendance/absence was incorrect. Minutes to be corrected.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

Rex confirmed that a tree in question in Mingus Park from a previous meeting was indeed a Ponderosa Pine as he had reported.

There being no further business to come before the Tree Board, by consensus of the Tree Board, Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Patton
Staff

APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 9th DAY OF May, 2019


Cora Vanderveldon, Chair

Attest: 
Pamela Patton, City Staff