

TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES



MEDFORD
OREGON

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

5:00 P.M.

Service Center

821 N. Columbus Ave. Medford, OR

10. Roll Call

Members present: Cathy Weed, Jill Hunter, Diane Patterson, Jim McCunney, Greg Applen
Luke Williams, Karl Geidans, Tim Stevens

Parks and Recreation Liaison: Dan Ratty (Absent)

Staff present: Richard Weed, Linda Johnson

20. Approval of Minutes

20.1 Approval of December 8, 2021-approved as submitted.

30. Oral Requests Communications None

40. New and Continued Business

40.1 Arbor Day

Will have a booth set up at Pear Blossom on April 8 & 9, 2022. A tree planting will take place either prior to Pear Blossom or after, date still to be determined.

Does the committee want to present the Meyer family the Heritage Tree Award at Pear Blossom and Mainwaring at a different time?

40.2 Tree Inventory Plans

Oregon Department of Forestry received a grant for a program called Tree Plotter. The intent of this grant was to capture as much as the urban forest in the state of Oregon as they can. This program will help get a baseline of what the city tree inventory looks like as it relates to the right of way and public open space. This is an opportunity for the Tree Committee to volunteer to participate in tree collection for the city. The data collected can be used to apply for additional funding. Focus on high-order streets first. Richard Weed will provide training on Tree Plotter.

40.3 Tree Permits

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40.4 Heritage Tree Nominations

Luke Williams is waiting on a quote for the cost of the plaque for the Richard Meyer Heritage Tree so he can raise funds. Cathy Weed worked on a \$500 grant through Oregon Community Trees.

50. Staff Reports

Richard Weed-Cedar Links has been fully populated with trees. Greg Applen donated six Cedar Trees to Cedar Links Park and six Grey Pine trees to Oregon Hills Park.

60. Messages, Papers and Remarks from Committee Members

Greg Applen has enough property to start a nursery and will work on getting the nursery started in the next couple of years. Diane Patterson reached out to her friend who had done some grant writing for a nursery in Colorado and discovered that it was not with a national company it was not it was with local endowment funds from people who set them up that were from Colorado. Diane will work with Cathy Weed and order some trees from Arbor Day Society. Cathy Weed has submitted the Arbor Day grant, we are finalists and will know by the end of the week.

70. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Johnson
Park Maintenance

