



**COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION
CITY AUDITORIUM
MAIN STREET, FOREST GROVE, OR
April 20, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 5:33:00. President Jen Warren in Chair.

Members Present – Jen Warren, Dale Wiley, David Hunter, Mike Howell
Bruce Countryman, Mark Nakajima, Lance Schamberger

Members Absent –

Staff Present: Dan Riordan

Council Liaison: Ron Thompson

Meeting Minutes Approval: March minutes were approved.

Citizen Communication: None

Citizen New Member / Introduction:

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes were read. David moved and Bruce seconded approval of the minutes.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING - Jen reported on the Arbor Day Tree Planting at the school district offices. It was well attended by the Charter School students.

URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Brief discussion on how to proceed with the inclusion of the UFMP into the Parks Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

POSSIBLE PROJECTS - Discussion on some other potential projects to move on to now that the UFMP was complete and adopted.

Possible Projects include:

1. Work on Street tree code and specifications.

2. Work on the bare root standards for City street tree planning projects.
3. General consensus was that the Ask an Arborist program needs to take a break for a year or two and then reevaluate how and if that might move forward again.

PLANNING SESSION – September was mentioned and agreed to schedule a planning session for activities for the CFC in the coming year.

METRO PROPERTIES – Dale mentioned concerns with the current management of the Metro properties within the City limits, specifically the B Street Trail to Gales Creek and the Gales Creek to Elm Street properties. It was noted that the survival rates on these plantings was very good, and that was creating issues with the type of urban forest it was going to result in. Concern both for what the ongoing management issues were the potential for destructive fire activity in close proximity to the South Old Town neighborhoods.

Mark suggested that we draft a letter to Metro outlining some of our concerns and requesting to open a dialog with them about our observations and concerns. Bruce mentioned that he has a contact in Metro that he would be willing to contact and see what could happen as far as some discussion on the subject issues would be.

CENTRALIZED TREE PLANTING COORDINATION – It was also discussed that it would be nice to have some type of centralized contact that all stake holders or community tree planting participants could contact or notify prior to tree planting events in the City. This would hopefully allow some review by the CFC of these planned projects and provide at least a cursory review of the planned projects to insure compatibility with the UFMP and City codes.

MEMBER UPDATES

Mark commented on his Central Oregon trip for a wedding and the nice venue they had at Brasada Ranch, and recommended the location for a visit and activities in Central Oregon.

Bruce commented that some of his wood working pieces would possibly be on display at the World Forestry Center soon. No dates given for the showing, Bruce would let us know.

No other input for other members.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be May 18, 2016 at the Community Auditorium meeting room at 5:30 pm

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

David moved and Mark seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous affirmative vote adjourned the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Wiley
CFC Secretary