



**COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION
CITY AUDITORIUM
MAIN STREET, FOREST GROVE, OR
February 15, 2017 5:35 pm**

President Jen Warren

Members Present – Dale Wiley, David Hunter, Bruce Countryman, Mike Howell
Mark Nakajama Lance Schamberger

Members Absent – All present

Staff Present: Dan Riordan

Council Liaison: Ron Thompson

Student Representative: Solomon Clapshaw

Meeting Minutes Approval: Minutes were read. David moved and Mark seconded approval of the minutes.

Citizen Communication: None

OLD BUSINESS

The group discussed the concerns of the growth of the trees in the downtown area that are creating hazards. Discussion was for the CFC to come up with a recommendation and plan to send to Planning regarding the need to mitigate the growth issues.

Bruce makes a motion / Mike seconded: *CFC supports the Cities effort for Town Center planning project and to offer our services as an advisory group for future tree selection and infrastructure development recognizing the current and expected future hazards from the existing 16 year old year trees.*

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Dale nominated Mark to serve as President for the ensuing year. Dale nominated Mike Howell serve as Vice President. Dale agreed to serve as Secretary again. Dale moved to cast unanimous ballot for the nominated officers. David seconded. Motion passed unanimous.

Arbor Day Planning: Discussions were had regarding possible change of venues.

Options are:

1. Community School Event
2. Tree Planting – Mike will reach out to FGHS Ag program to determine if there is interest in a tree planting event there. He will report back at the March meeting.

Mayoral Proclamation: Dan will arrange for Arbor Month proclamation by Mayor Truax.

MEMBER UPDATE

Ron Thompson: Renewed as a 50 year member of the Society of American Foresters. UAV technology is being used in forestry applications and Ron is going to encourage funding for the technology. Potential levies and bonds will be on the planning stages over the next 3 years.

David: The City has hired him to evaluate some trees on 15th Avenue. He also said he had prepared a report for the Chamber of Commerce regarding the state of health of the Douglas fir tree, and is recommending its removal as a hazard tree. He went to a conference on the East Coast in December and renewed all his appropriate certifications. He is also working on a report for the Forest Grove School District regarding the condition of the trees.

Mike: Inquired if anybody was a member of the timber measurement society. Mike said the conference was in April;

Next meeting will be March 15, 2017 at the Community Auditorium meeting room at 5:30 pm

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

David moved and Mark seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous affirmative vote adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Wiley
CFC Secretary