



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

Members Present – Michael Howell, Vice-Chair, arrived at 5:56 PM, Bruce Countryman, David Hunter, Jen Warren

Members Absent – Chair Nakajima, Lance Schamberger, Dale Wiley

Staff Present: Dan Riordan

Council Liaison: Ron Thompson

Student Representative: Solomon Clapshaw

Meeting Minutes Approval: Minutes were read. David Hunter moved and Jen Warren seconded approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

Citizen Communication: None

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed planning for the 2017 Arbor Day event. Vice-Chair Howell spoke with the Agricultural Program teacher at Forest Grove High School about the idea planting trees at the high school and including students. Vice-Chair Howell reported the high school has two back-to-back horticulture classes with approximately 60 students. The school district will identify a location and date. It was suggested an on-site visit take place prior to planting. This agenda item will be discussed further.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEMBER UPDATE

Ron Thompson: Council Thompson provided an update of City Council activities including discussion about renewal of the City's local option levy. The two options being considered are keeping the current amount of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value or increasing the amount to \$2.05 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

David: David voiced concern about tree protection measures at the Green Grove and Hawthorne/21st development sites. David expressed the need for better enforcement of the City's tree protection ordinance.

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

Dan: Dan mentioned the annual Arbor Day/Tree City USA proclamation will be presented by the Mayor during the City Council meeting on April 10th. Dan also mentioned the annual mailing to Register Tree property owners will be mailed prior to the end of the month. The mailing will ask for interest in having an arborist inspection funded by the Community Enhancement Program grant.

Next meeting will be April 19, 2017 at the Community Auditorium meeting room at 5:30 pm

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

David moved and Jen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous affirmative vote adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:21:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Riordan
CFC Staff Liaison