



**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM, 1915 MAIN STREET
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 - 5:30 P.M.**

Councilor Thompson

Mark Nakajima, Chair
Bruce Countryman
Lance Schamberger
Dale Wiley, Secretary

Michael Howell, Vice Chair
David Hunter
Jen Warren
Solomon Clapshaw, Student Advisor

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AGENDA

Call to Order and Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 15, 2017

Citizen Communication: Anyone wishing to speak on an item not on the agenda may be heard at this time. In the interest of time, please limit comments to three minutes or less.

Old Business

- 1) Arbor Week/Month Celebration Planning (All)

New Business

Member and Liaison Updates

Announce Next Meeting and Adjourn

Parking Lot

Main Street Trees and Community School Tree

Announce Next Meeting

April 19, 2017



**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: No quorum – will need to be done at next meeting.

Citizen Communication: None

OLD BUSINESS

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

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



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Forest Grove Recognized as Tree City USA by Arbor Day Foundation

The City of Forest Grove is pleased to announce the Arbor Day Foundation has once again recognized Forest Grove as a Tree City USA. This distinction honors the community's ongoing and sustained commitment to preserving and enhancing our urban forest. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

This year marks the 27th consecutive year Forest Grove qualified as a Tree City USA. Forest Grove is a Tree City by meeting the program's four requirements: a community forestry commission, tree-care ordinance, funding community forestry initiatives and holding an annual Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers, and committed citizens in communities like Forest Grove make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits. We congratulate the City of Forest Grove on its 27 years of commitment to this program."

More information on the Tree City USA program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.