



Community Forestry Commission
Community Auditorium
1915 Main Street, Forest Grove, OR
September 19, 2018, 5:30 pm
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President – Mark Nakajima

Members Present: Chair Nakajima - David Hunter – Bruce Countryman – Jen Warren – Lance Schamberger – Michael Howell

Members Absent: Dave Wiley

Staff Present: Dan Riordan

Council Liaison: Ron Thompson

Student Advisor: Solomon Clapshaw

Citizen New Member / Introduction: The meeting was called to order by Chair Nakajima at approximately 5:36 pm.

Minutes Approval: David Hunter moved, and Jen Warren seconded the motion to approve the May 16, 2018 minutes as written. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Center Street Tree Community Enhancement Project – The Commission reviewed a draft request for letters of interest for consulting arborist services to conduct a tree inventory and assessment for the Town Center. The commission approved the project area bounded by 21st Avenue, College Avenue, Pacific Avenue, Cedar Street, 19th Avenue and B Street. The Commission agreed that the request for letters of interest include an estimate of the number of trees to include in the inventory. The Commission also agreed that the requested letters of interest should include a hard deadline for completing the project. The Commission will review responses at the next Commission meeting in October.

2. Reuter Farms Park Oak Tree Replanting – The Commission discussed replanting two of the three oak trees planted at Reuter Farms Park in April for Arbor Day that did not survive. The Commission agreed to place a pre-order for two oaks to plant in November or December.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Arbor Day 2019 Project Idea – Ashley Roth, operator of the Forest Grove community page on Facebook and was in attendance to present ideas for a community tree planting

event in April 2019. The purpose of the event is commemoration of the fifth year anniversary of the page. Several ideas were discussed including a Neighborhoods type event and making the event part of the City's Arbor Day celebration. David Hunter suggested an oak tree planting east of the north end of Lincoln Park since restroom facilities are available. Chair Nakajima suggested Ms. Roth survey followers of the Facebook page for possible ideas. The Commission thanked Ms. Roth for attending the meeting and invited Ms. Roth to the Commission's meeting in October to discuss ideas further.

MEMBER UPDATE:

Jen Warren mentioned the Oregon Department of Forestry will hold the Root Ball at the Tillamook Forest Center on Saturday, September 22nd. The Ball will be at the new education pavilion. The theme is "picnic in the woods."

David Hunter mentioned he plans on attending the upcoming Eagle Creek fire field trip. David also mentioned he will present a poster on plant amenities/values during the Society of American Foresters conference in Portland. The conference will take place October 3rd – October 7th.

LIAISON UPDATE:

Councilor Thompson informed the Commission about local forestry events including the Who Owns the Forest conference and the upcoming Society of American Foresters conference.

NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the City Auditorium.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: David Hunter moved, and Lance Schamberger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Riordan, staff liaison