



**Members Present:** Mark Nakajima, Chair – Bruce Countryman – David Hunter – Lance Schamberger

**Members Absent:** Michael Howell, Jen Warren

**Staff Liaison:** Dan Riordan – present

**Council Liaison:** Ron Thompson - present

**Student Advisor:** Declan Lynch - present

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**Call to Order and Role:** The September 18, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Nakajima at 5:31 pm.

**Citizen Communication:** Bruce Farmer (1160 33<sup>rd</sup> Place) and Mitch Taylor in attendance.

Bruce Farmer approached the Commission for advice about an oak street tree at 1160 33<sup>rd</sup> Place. Mr. Farmer noted the tree has become an issue due to sticky residue damaging property. Mr. Farmer would like to save the tree and asked for advice. David and Lance offered suggestions for addressing the residue issue. After discussion, the Commission reached consensus to support removal of the oak tree if the residue issue persists. A replacement tree would be required.

Mitch Taylor attended the Commission to provide insight into the acorn planting project idea.

**Minutes Approval:** David moved and Bruce seconded a motion to approve the June 19, 2019, minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items/Discussion:**

1. **Hiroshima Peace Tree Application** – The Commission discussed submitting an application to the Oregon Department of Forestry for a Hiroshima peace tree for planting in Forest Grove. The application is due by October 4<sup>th</sup>. After considerable discussion Chair Nakajima suggested the Commission defer submitting an application at this time due to the lack of time available to complete the application. The Commission expressed interest in pursuing a Hiroshima tree in the future if available.

2. Acorn Planting Project – The Commission discussed the idea of a community acorn planting project. The Commission discussed working with the Forest Grove High School as a possible project. The Commission agreed to work on this idea throughout the year.
3. Town Center Street Management Next Steps – Dan noted City Council approved a resolution on September 9<sup>th</sup> formally accepting the Town Center Street Tree Inventory and Assessment Report prepared by Oregon Tree Care. Dan provided an overview of possible next steps for managing street trees in the Forest Grove Town Center. Dan noted one approach is to include developing recommendations for street tree planting and landscaping as part of the anticipated design work for the 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue festival street urban renewal project.
4. Pacific University Tree Removal along Pacific Avenue – Dan provided the Commission with details on the street trees being removed by Pacific University along Pacific Avenue. Dan noted, the street trees are subject to the Pacific University Master Plan's street tree management plan.

**Liaison Update:**

Councilor Thompson updated the Commission on business before the City Council.

**Member Update:**

**Next Meeting:** September 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the City Auditorium.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Riordan  
CFC Staff Liaison