



Members Present: Mark Nakajima, Chair – Michael Howell - David Hunter – Jen Warren

Members Absent: Bruce Countryman - Lance Schamberger

Staff Liaison: Dan Riordan – present

Council Liaison: Ron Thompson - present

Student Advisor: Declan Lynch - present

Call to Order and Role: The October 16, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Nakajima at 5:33 pm.

Citizen Communication: Dan and Taylor Bedell in the audience.

Minutes Approval: David moved and Michael seconded a motion to approve the September 18, 2019, minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items/Discussion:

1. Town Center Street Trees Request for Replacement at 2036 Main Street – The Commission discussed a request from Daniela Powell, owner of Daniela's Gifts on Main Street, that the street tree removed in front of her business be replaced. The consensus of the Commission was to allow the business owner to purchase a container for planting flowers or a small tree in front of the business temporarily, until the Town Center Street Tree Management Plan is completed. The Commission agreed to defer a final decision on a tree variety until Lance is in attendance given his expertise in the nursery industry.
2. 2020 Tree City USA Celebration Ideas - The Commission discussed ideas for celebrating the City's 30th anniversary of a Tree City US and to commemorate Arbor Day 2020. The Commission discussed the acorn planting project, tree planting at Thatcher Park, near the tree that was planted in 2019, or planting a tree at Rogers Park. By consensus, the Commission agreed to not pursue planting a tree at Rogers Park since the Parks and Recreation Department has plans to improve the park. Michael suggested purchasing a plaque to commemorate 30 years as a Tree City USA. Chair Nakajima suggested the Commission continue discussions next month.
3. Acorn Planting Project – Declan mentioned he contacted Mitch Taylor about coordinating the acorn planting project with the forestry class at Forest Grove High School.

Liaison Update:

Councilor Thompson updated the Commission on business before the City Council and attendance at the League of Oregon Cities conference in Bend.

Member Update: No updates

Next Meeting: November 20, 2019, 5:30 pm at the City Auditorium.

Meeting Adjournment: David made a motion seconded by Jen to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Riordan
CFC Staff Liaison