



Council Liaison: Vacant
Members Present: Mark Nakajima, Chair; Bruce Countryman; David Hunter, Lance Schamberger, Jen Warren
Student Advisor: Declan Lynch - present
Members Absent: Michael Howell, Vice Chair
Staff Liaison: Dan Riordan – present

Call to Order and Role: The February 19, 2020, meeting was called to order by Chair Nakajima at 5:35 pm.

Citizen Communication: None

Minutes Approval: David made a motion, seconded by Declan, to approve the January 15, 2020, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items/Discussion:

1. **Continue Discussion of Bylaw Revisions** – The Commission continued review of possible changes to the CFC bylaws. The Commission agreed to review the bylaws further before taking action at the Commission’s March 18th meeting.
2. **Arbor Day 2020 – Finalize Program** – The Commission discussed the upcoming Arbor Day tree planting to be held at Thatcher Park on national Arbor Day, April 24, 2020. The Commission noted the passing on Councilor Thompson and discussed honoring Councilor Thompson for his passion and support of the Commission’s mission. The Commission would like to recognize Councilor Thompson at the City Council’s April 13th meeting and at the Arbor Day celebration on April 24th. The Commission supported purchasing a Magnolia tree for planting on April 24th in honor of Councilor Thompson and having a memorial plaque made.

Jen made a motion, seconded by David, to have two banners made for the Arbor Day Foundation’s recognition of Forest Grove as a Tree City USA for 30 years. The motion passed unanimously. The banners will be placed at the north and east entrances to the City.

Bruce suggested the City place informational brochures at the Library during April for Arbor Month.

Liaison Update: Dan noted the street tree in front of the La Hacienda event center on Main Street was removed by the Public Works Department.

Member Update: David noted a webinar he attend hosted by the Southeast Forestry Extension Service. David stated Clemson University has a program to pay property owners to replace Bradford pear trees. The trees were introduced in the 1960s and were used for landscaping. The Chinese graft causes problems due to long thorns. David recommended the Commission consider creating a program similar to Clemson's to phase out the Bradford pear trees locally.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2020, 5:30 pm at the City Auditorium.

Meeting Adjournment: David made a motion, seconded by Declan to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Riordan
CFC Staff Liaison