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**COOS BAY
TREE BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2021**

The minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Tree Board of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, held at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Those Attending

Those present attending in person were city staff: Jim Hossley, Public Works and Community Development Director; Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator, Jon Eck, Parks Superintendent; and Kelli Burnette; Board Members: Brian Allen, Meredith Childs, Haley Lagasse, and Rex Miller. Attending remotely was Board Member Cora Vandervelden.

Approval of the March 31, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Vandervelden called for a motion to approve the Minutes.

Board Member Miller moved and Board Member Lagasse seconded the motion to approve the March 31, 2021, minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Introduction of New Operations Administrator

New Operations Administrator, Greg Hamblet introduced himself to the Board.

Citizen Input/Public Comment

There was none.

Hall Street Tree Removal Update

Staff Member Hossley reported the removal of the trees has been put on hold due to citizen complaints and stated Patrick Myers inspected the trees and determined they are healthy and growing. Mr. Hossley stated the sidewalks will be replaced when the City has funds to do so.

A discussion commenced regarding the trees not being in good shape, that they are well beyond years for street trees and should be removed. It was noted that abutting property owners had been advised of the City's decision to not remove the trees at this time.

570 S. Wall Tree Removal Update

Staff Member Eck reported he has not had a chance to assess the trees and will move it up on his priority lists.

Coos Head Food Co-Op Tree Planting Update

Staff Member Eck reported the trees have not been planted because of water and natural gas lines in the proposed planting location and that there have been discussions with the applicant about using planters.

A discussion commenced regarding the desire to have trees in that location and the Board requested Staff to investigate the depth of the utility lines in hopes that trees can be planted. Staff Member Hamblet will reach out to the waterboard and gas company about the depth of their utilities.

4th Street Planting Abutting Old City Hall

Staff Member Burnette advised the Board the applicants would like to plant low laying bushes in lieu of trees and that Randy Dixon had advised the applicants that the Board would determine the bushes to be planted and get back to them.

41 The Board discussed the desire to plant trees as originally designed in the 4th Street Roadway
42 Safety Improvement project currently underway. The Board expressed concern about hodge-podge
43 planting which the City is trying to get away from and the fact that the applicant should still be
44 able to have outdoor dining and an awning for their restaurant.

45 *Board Member Miller moved and Board Member Lagasse moved to maintain the street tree*
46 *planting on 4th Street as designed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

47 **Planting on Newmark Avenue**

48 Staff Member Eck stated this issue has been before the Board before and a decision needs to be
49 made as to the species the Board would like to see planted along the Newmark Avenue corridor
50 where trees were removed due to the trees extending in to the utility lines.

51 The Board discussed different species that would be good for that location and would not grow
52 into the utility lines. Board Member Miller proposed planting Norway Maples along the Newmark
53 corridor.

54 *Board Member Lagasse moved and Board Member Miller seconded the motion that the Board*
55 *follow Board Member Miller's recommendation to plant Norway Maples along Newmark Avenue.*

56 **620 Commercial Avenue Tree Removal Request**

57 Staff Member Eck reported the tree is causing damage to the sidewalk, the abutting property
58 owners' sewer lateral, and is in the utility lines. Staff Member Eck further reported City Staff
59 trimmed the tree last year to assist with the utility line interference.

60 The Board discussed removing/killing the tree to keep it from causing further damage, maintaining
61 good rapport with the property owners and the fact that the tree will continue to cause problems
62 underground if it is not removed.

63 The Board also discussed the need to provide maintenance of City trees and that they need to be
64 evaluated before they get too big or too old.

65 *Board Member Childs moved and Board Member Miller seconded the motion for City Staff to*
66 *remove/cut the tree.*

67 **Board Member/Staff Closing Comments**

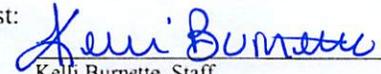
68 Board Member Allen requested Staff provide all City Departments with a copy of the City's tree
69 planting plan.

70 Board Member Childs asked if the City's GIS was going to be updated with the tree inventory he
71 made. Staff Member Hossley stated the City's GIS Coordinator can do that if provided with the
72 information. Staff Member Hamblet asked how the GIS information/tree inventory would be
73 maintained. It was discussed that if the Board provided the information, the City could update it
74 on the map.

75 **Adjourn**

76 There being no further business to come before the Tree Board, by consensus of the Tree Board,
77 Chair Vandervelden adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

78 **APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.**

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80 Attest: 
81 Kelli Burnette, Staff
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Cora Vandervelden, Chair