

**CITY OF COOS BAY
TREE BOARD/URBAN FORESTRY
MINUTES**

Meeting of April 22, 2016

TREE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Cora Vandervelden; Ariann Lyons;
Rex Miller; Skip Shipman

TREE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Meredith Childs; Grant Walding; EC Knox

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Eck, Randy Dixon, Pam Patton

GUEST :

Chair brought the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENT: n/a

OLD BUSINESS: Creating the Urban Forestry Plan

Randy needs a motion on Maps; Districts; Trees for Districts to take to council.

Question:

If the maps need to expand a zone, does it need to go back to council. Randy confirmed that the Tree Board ordinance does not allow changes without council approval. It doesn't mean that the Board.

Will the Board go back and revisit the residential neighborhoods? Randy suggested that may end up calling them streetscapes. Define not so much one area but overall geographically but needs a set of guidelines that will govern those areas.

Rex questioned the tree list. Legends with the tree lists on the Zone Maps need to be removed. He did not have a problem with the maps just the tree lists. Cora asked for a motion.

MOTION: Ariann approves the Zone Maps without the legends that contain the tree lists.

DISCUSSION:

SECOND: Rex

VOTE: Ayes unanimous and motion carried to accept the maps without the legends.

Update the Tree List –

Rex felt that the list needs to be broader and not so specific. The Downtown Zone will be Armstrong Maples. Assign parameters of surrounding streets and the legend to call out those locations.

Randy asked if the parameters needed for the remaining zones. Because of the elements of wind, low power/transmission lines, it would be needed. May be best to look at alternative vegetation.

Updating the Ordinances – Chapter 8.30

Needs to include an Urban Forestry Plan.

The Ordinance 8.30.060 regarding permits, Randy would like to see it remain. It gives us more control of what is happening out in the community but felt it may find resistance. There needs to be teeth to it to enforce the ordinance. We need to be able to print out the guideline and hand it to the property owner. Using PR/PA's to educate the public might be the approach and leave the ordinance as is for now.

Randy suggested the Ashland Urban Forestry Plan because it is well done and use it as a reference. We don't have to use all the elements, only those that fits our community i.e. Zones and Species; Maintenance and Planting.

Chapter 8.30.050 Tree Board Duties – Paragraph 2, last sentence: "A list of tree species not recommended for planting should be developed." Re-word it to read, "See tree species list"

Chapter 8.30.070 needs "landscape architect" stricken and have it say "Public Works."

Item 3 of same section: Size/Spacing of tree wells. Needs to be called out per zone.

Item 7 of same section: Topping needs to be defined by a broader stroke. Suggest pruning techniques to avoid topping i.e. terminal bud as a way to shape and control height.

BOARD COMMENTS:


Ariann announced that Marshfield Bargain House has finally agreed to plant trees. Ariann said it's only been three years. The anise and fennel is what pushed him to agree to the trees. Will plant on Arbor Day!

STAFF COMMENTS: n/a

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Patton

APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 3rd DAY OF June, 2016.

Attest: 
Pamela Patton, Staff


Cora Vanderveldon, Chair