

CITY OF COOS BAY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of July 9, 2015

TREE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Rex Miller; Cora Vandervelden; Skip Shipman and Grant Walding

TREE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ariann Lyons; Meredith Childs and Sarah Crawford

STAFF PRESENT: Randy Dixon, Jon Eck, Jim Hossley, Pam Patton

GUEST : N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rex Miller brought the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Rex asked for a motion to accept the minutes of April 23, 2015 as written.

MOTION: Cora motioned to approve as written
SECOND: Rex
DISCUSSION: N/A
VOTE: Ayes were unanimous and motion carried

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS: UPDATES

- 1562 Lakeshore – Charles Henson – Trees were removed and we have received a receipt from Salvation Army that they had been delivered for firewood.
- Letters went out regarding the April 23rd meeting to notify them of the board's findings:
 1. 515 N Wasson – Approved request to remove
 2. 1913 N 8th – The dead Cedar is on the schedule to be removed by the City. (Lack of wording on the agenda created a little confusion but it was quickly clarified.)
 3. 1137 Elrod Ave – Approved request to remove with the contingency to replant. Rex inquired if they had made a decision as to what trees were chosen to plant. Jon had not heard from the property owner. It was suggested that the City's tree list be given to them.
 4. 1191 Michigan Ave – Property owner to meet with staff and an arborist to determine the best outcome for the health of the tree and protection of their home.
- 342 S Marple – A large Shorepine that recently a branch had broken and fallen over the roadway that the streets department had to go out to remove. The tree is rotten and breaking apart. It was determined to be in the ROW and the removal of the tree is the abutting property owner's responsibility. The request has gone to Lisa in codes enforcement and she will make contact with the owner.
- East corner of Anderson & 4th – Gami Property Management and Springleaf Financial. Maples have been topped. Grant Walding, the property owner, was present to discuss.

He has cut back the trees several times when they reach the roof/gutters as he was concerned about any problems that might arise and that it has become a constant maintenance problem. He thought by topping it would slow the growth. He was not aware of our Tree Ordinance of "No Topping." Rex did a quick overview of the purpose of the certain trees that are selected and where they are planted in the downtown corridor fitting into the theme of the design that has been established. Maples are a columnar and quick growing in height allowing a clear site level. The design for the City is to have nice street trees giving that esthetic appeal of streets lined with trees. The City is working on updating its tree master plan and will be doing a Downtown Mapping Zone that will aid with maintenance and uniformity.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The board welcomed the newly appointed board members, Skip Shipman and Grant Walding. Rex announced that he would be stepping down as chairman but would remain on the board as an active member. Cora mentioned that she would throw her hat into the ring. The board will meet when the remaining members will be present to provide others the opportunity as well.
- **F.Y.I** - Rex recommended that we need to handle utilities, CBNBWB, requests differently i.e. Ocean Blvd. He thought it would be in the best interest to allow the City to quickly act under the circumstances.
- **F.Y.I** - 644 13th Ct – Jon updated the board re: dead Spruce. Trees Inc. is to remove and they will chip the branches. City crews to remove wood and deliver to Salvation Army Site. It will be milled, rather than split, for other purposes.
- 1180 Ocean Ct – Jon's review stated an Alder tree was touching the guardrail and was covered in Ivy and would eventually die and fall. Jon recommended that the tree be approved for removal. Rex asked for a motion.

MOTION: Cora motion to approve removal per staff's recommendation

SECOND: Skip

VOTE: Ayes. Vote unanimous. Motion carried. Letter to go out to notify property owner.

- 1721 S 15th – Stacey Gulseth. Request is to open area to more sunlight for the garden space. Jon's staff review stated the trees were Alder and Willow. He recommended allowing topping to open up the area. Rex stated that topping is a problem and could be setting precedence. He felt limbing up and/or thinning out branches first and if that wasn't working then they will need to reapply for removal. Rex asked for a motion.

MOTION: Rex motioned to approve limbing and/or thinning out of branches and sending a letter to the property owner notifying them of the findings.

SECOND: Cora

VOTE: Ayes were unanimous and motion carried

- 333 N 12th St. – Clint Laird. Jon's staff review recommended the group of 3 to 4 Alder planted along a bank be removed along with the Cedar as it could become a safety issue. The Cedar that is furthest to the southwest should not be removed. The tree at the corner of the house is planted on private property. Removal would be at the property owner's expense. Randy stated a concern for traffic control at the time the trees were being fell. Rex asked for a motion.

MOTION: Cora motioned to allow removal according to staff's recommendation and a letter to be sent to the property owner notifying them of the Tree Board's findings.
SECOND: Rex
VOTE: Ayes were unanimous and motion carried

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Cora brought attention to a dead Cedar at the end of Crocker and entrance to John Topits. Randy took note of location.

Skip announced to Jon that Trees Inc. is moving crews into the Englewood area.

There had been a question on trees to be replanted on Market Street. Rex stated that trees to be replaced on Market should be Armstrong Maples.


Also, Rex shared more information regarding the trees on Hall St that produces a sap that drips and is full of Aphids, White Fly and Mealy Bugs. He is treating the trees by using 2 gallons of Dawn Dish Soap (original) mixed with 2500 gallons of water. He uses a fire hose to spray heavily. Mixture is not to be washed off. He sprays from underneath to target the underside of leaves.

STAFF COMMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Patton

APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 1st DAY OF Oct, 2015.

Attest: 
Pamela Patton, Staff


Rex Miller, Chair