

**CITY OF COOS BAY
MINUTES OF THE TREE BOARD
APRIL 4, 2013**

Tree Board members present: Jake Robinson, Kim Singh, Cora Vandervelden
Ariann Lyons and Mike Vaughan

Tree Board members absent: Chairman Rex Miller, Beth Clarkson

Staff Present: Randy Dixon, Jon Eck, Pam Patton

Guest: Ed Button, Patrick Myers and
Skip Shipman, Arborist with Trees Inc.

Call to Order – Roll Call

New Business: With the length of the agenda, the Board decided to review and vote on the request for 815 13th Court before the approval of the minutes.

1. 815 13th Court – Ed Button and Patrick Myers – The removal of a few trees and do some trimming/limbing in order to do some property renovations at the cost of the property owner. Patrick Myers gave the Board a brief overview.

MOTION: Jake Robinson approve to remove Oak and Pine and limb the Cedar
SECOND: Cora Vandervelden
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Aye Unanimous – motion carries.

Randy will send Patrick Myers a letter to recapture the specifics of the Boards decision Mr. Button asked who was doing the work and who was paying for the work. It would be at the owner's expense.

Approve Minutes: February 14, 2013

MOTION: Ariann Lyons approved as read
SECOND: Kim Singh
DISCUSSION: Jake Robinson asked for a moment to clarify the bump out on 4th.
Randy asked for another motion.
VOTE: Aye Unanimous - motion carries

2. Mingus Park – Big Leaf Maple – Randy asked Patrick Myers his thoughts on the Maple. He said the tree is getting old and falling apart. You can't see from the outside but the findings of the boring that Nathan Clausen did clearly shows rot in the middle of the tree. Patrick also stated that the tree would not fall over but pieces and limbs would be dropping off.

Since it is located near a walkway, he agreed with the recommendation that it should come out. He agreed that it was a potential hazard. Jake Robinson asked for clarity in keeping with the semi-wild or natural scape environment regarding the replacement. Jon assured Jake that the tree is located in the improved section of the park. Randy responded that keeping with the wild life tree would not be practical but with the location, it would not be practical and would be more of an eye-sore. Mike asked to keep within the species and go with a Japanese Maple.

MOTION: Cora Vandervelden approve with recommendation to remove as a hazard.

SECOND: Jake Robinson

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: Aye Unanimous – motion carries

3. Line Maintenance for PP& L - Skip Shipman of Trees Inc.

Skip gave a brief overview of their program as a contractor for PP&L. They do all vegetation management work for PP&L. They are on a 4-year cycle/2-year interim of trimming for the health of the tree. Trimming is done according to horticultural standard. To maintain clearances of the primary conductors running through the city, the site clearance is anywhere from 10 to 12 feet and up to 14 feet of under clearance.

Some trees are damaged by pruning. Power-line friendly trees need to be a slow growing variety. Armstrong Maples are considered aggressive. Randy asked for a list/summary of trees. Randy encouraged working with Trees Inc. in the tree selection for planting, replanting and maintenance. When trees are removed, perhaps a voucher system could be established for replanting.

Jake was curious about their routine. He'd like to see all the young volunteers removed now and avoid the issues 10 years down the road.

Skip shared a pamphlet on TGR, tree growth regulator. They like to use on those trees that won't make the 2-year interim schedule. It is an injectable product. The product sounded like something to look at for the street trees as it slows the growth. It stunts the growth causing the tree to fill out.

The Board appreciated Skip for coming and sharing his insight and knowledge. The Board also was encouraged with establishing and building a working relationship with Trees, Inc. The City does have a franchise agreement with the power company to do work in right of way. It is not necessary to contact the Tree Board each time for a removal but will tally removals for replanting.

Board Member Comments:

Mike Vaughan asked if we would send notification to surrounding residents regarding the large Maple being removed.

Kim Singh asked if any of the board were able to look at the trees on Newmark there at the Wal Mart gas station. It was unknown if in the ROW. That's needs to be verified. Need to check into the City ordinance on lot line/setbacks when planting. The trees were thought to be a shore pine. Examine trees to see if diseased. If the trees are not in the ROW, the Tree Board should make contact with Wal Mart. Mike Vaughan knew of a wasp that carries a virus. He has had contact with the local manager and is very receptive.

Staff Comments:

Randy will be sending out a PSA to service groups in the community for the Arbor Day event asking for assistance in planting at the Eastside Boat Ramp and Eastside Park. Approximately 40 trees will be planted.

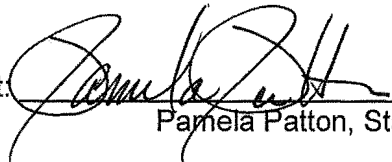
Meeting Adjourned: 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Patton

APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 5th DAY OF Dec, 2013.



Rex Miller, Chair

Attest: 

Pamela Patton, Staff