

**CITY OF COOS BAY
MINUTES OF THE TREE BOARD
December 4, 2014**

Tree Board members present: Rex Miller, Chair; Sarah Crawford; Ariann Lyons;
Kim Singh and Jake Robinson

Tree Board members absent: Cora Vandervelden

Staff Present: Randy Dixon, Jon Eck, Pam Patton

Guest: None present

Approval of Minutes: September 4, 2014

MOTION: Jake Robinson to approve as read
SECOND: Ariann Lyons
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Ayes unanimous, motion carried

Citizen Input / Public Comment

Old Business:

1312 12th Terrace – SW Corner of property, Patrick Myers acting for property owner, will be falling 2 Alders on private property and thought they will hang up in the myrtle trees. **Staff reviewed and work was to be performed 10/30/14. Application was denied and Patrick Myers was notified 09/26/14. Update: Removal of Myrtle trees in ROW was denied.

1412 D St – Re-visit request for removal as property owner has sent a letter of appeal.

MOTION: Jake Robinson motioned to allow removal with the recommendation that staff mark, with paint, each tree to be removed before any cutting.
SECOND: Ariann Lyons
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried

New Business:

Randy brought the Tree Board up to date on the last council meeting, December 2, 2014, that the council has requested a current tree list and policy (with short timeline, use of Urban plans from other municipalities) To complete this task, consideration must be taken of zones, budget. We would take one block at a time and build from there. Randy hoped to do a Staff Report for April council meeting with a new list and policy.

MOTION: Ariann Lyons motioned for a January 12 Noon work session with a need to schedule more work sessions and/or sharing lists, revisions among the board members to complete this task.
SECOND: Jake Robinson
DISCUSSION:
VOTE: Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried

Rex Miller Tree Board Chair

650 Anderson "After the Fact." Jon informed the board that the tree was removed because deemed a safety issue. Due to budget, the tree stump and sidewalk repair will be done at a later time.

1010 Hemlock – Roy & Christine Rickman – North of Hemlock and east of N 10th St. Request to do thinning and limbing of trees in ROW to permit wind variance and view of bay. Rex stated that the two trees in questions were actually in the median between N 10th and Hillside Ct. Past history had shown several trees planted in the median up from 1010 Hemlock and there had been a request to remove the trees for a better view. The request was denied. Over time all of the 6 trees had died and upon further investigation they were found to had been girdled but couldn't prove as not caught in the act.

- MOTION:** Ariann Lyons motioned to deny removal but for the city to maintain on regular basis to thin at the bottom but not through the canopy.
- SECOND:** Jake Robinson
- DISCUSSION:** Jon stated that it was on a rotation schedule to remove the height out of the Laurel and bring it back to 6 feet.
- VOTE:** Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. Rex requested that a letter be sent to property owner of the board's findings.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

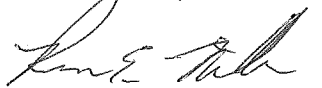
Ariann expressed that she was excited to be starting work on the Tree List. Rex shared his disappointment that there seemed to be "no teeth" in the rules the city establishes. There should have been further investigation and enforcement regarding the trees that had been blatantly girdled and eventually removed by the city. Randy wondered if it had been handled correctly. Rex would like to have seen the trees replanted as neighbors had stated that it buffered the traffic noise. Rex also stated that if they start approving the removal of ROW trees that it would open a can of worms and how are you going to prevent others.

STAFF COMMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Patton

APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 12th DAY OF Jan, 2014.5



Rex Miller, Chair

Attest: 

Pamela Patton, Staff