

Talent Urban Forestry Committee

General Meeting

Agenda



6:30 PM, April 10, 2024

Location: Community Center, Room D

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Members: J. Spelletich, J. Hardgrove, E. Wing, P. Collins, J. Ellen

Councilor: absent

Staff: G. Milliman

Community Members: D. Collay, J. Clark

1. Announcements from Committee

1.1 TMC and TUFC t-shirt project, Thursday 4:00-6:00

Only one color was paid for, Hardgrove picked green.

1.2 Minutes from 3/27 cannot be approved as agenda was not sent to Flores prior to meeting. Will need to remake the motions made during that meeting.

2. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items

J. Clark: Black oak tree in front of Camelot, planted last year, was lopped off to about 5 ft high, which is a critical maiming. Milliman will report this to the Talent Police as an act of vandalism.

3. Approval of Minutes – **March 13th. Collins moved to approve, Hardgrove seconded, no discussion, all approved.**

4 Current Projects

4.1 Arbor Day Planning

Prep work Friday - Plant Oregon will auger holes, P.O. and Valley View Nursery will drop off trees. Tree positions have been flagged and Slayton notified. Will request no mowing of that strip on Thursday prior. Will designate which species go where Friday morning.

Table with refreshments, waivers. We have \$60 to spend on refreshments. Ellen will purchase food, we will use large cooler with water.

Important that all volunteers sign waiver before beginning any work.

Tools and gloves - City does not have gloves but does have shovels and vests.

Wood chips from Chris John - Clark will verify this

Banner and Flag - Hardgrove has these, plus table and canopy.

Discuss that no irrigation line will be put in at time of planting. May need to use water truck this summer. Hope to put irrigation line in in the future.

Anna Byer to read Arbor Day proclamation.

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee to present Tree Hero of the Year Award to Mike Oxendine.

Hardgrove will contact PHS re students that may want to use this for community service.

4.3 Recommended Street Tree List

Review Collins' suggestions. He will add these to our existing list in a contrasting color in order to present the list to council for approval.

Some trees are difficult to obtain locally: Valley View can order trees.

To educate people about lesser known trees, Collins will write monthly article for TNR highlighting 3-4 trees.

At next meeting will discuss which trees in each size category should be put into brochure.

4.4 Master Plan

Progress slow but steady.

NPS intern Anna is working on community educational brochure.

Nikki Hart Brinkley estimated \$350-\$500 needed to be able to generate data for B Truden of NPS to use for the Urban Forest Master Plan.

MOTION: Hardgrove moved that TUFC ask the council to approve \$500 to pay Hart-Brinkley to generate data from maps for the Urban Forest Master Plan. Seconded by Collins. No discussion. All approved.

5. New Business

5.1 **MOTION:** Spelletich moved that TUFC elect Collins as secretary of TUFC. Hardgrove seconded. No discussion. All approved.

5.2 Tree inventory: needs to be completed in order to have necessary data re percentage of tree species. For now we will rely on ourselves, working in pairs. In future we can explore grants to pay for someone to do this, or seek SOU student to do as project. We will focus on this after Arbor Day. At next meeting will set dates to do this.

5.3 Update on water meter at Summer Place? Milliman needs to take request to council.

Paying to set up water meter is not covered by OWEB grant. Would water bags for trees be covered? We will look at wording of grant. Flores has in his office. Is Plant Oregon responsible for watering trees for three years?

5.4 At their last meeting, council was not able to review our motion regarding TUFC's request to be notified of plans to remove any city street trees. Milliman will take to council. Discussion: under Talent Municipal Code 2.22.020 it states that one of our primary responsibilities is the protection of city street trees. We need to be aware of risks so that we can advise the city.

6. Agenda Items for April 24th

Set tree inventory dates

Review new approved street tree list and send to council

Discuss trees to include in brochure

Fall planting dates and projects

Highway 99 progress

Moving Gateway trees and shrubs

7. Adjournment 7:56 p.m.

Attested by:



Julie Spelletich, Chair, Talent Urban Forestry Committee