

Talent Urban Forestry Committee

General Meeting

Minutes



6:30 PM, April 24, 2024

Location: Community Center, Room D

Call to Order: 6:38

Roll Call

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

Councilor: absent

Staff: absent

Community Members: J.Clark

1. Announcements from Committee

1.1 Motion to amend agenda: add interview of J. Clark, tabling box, laminator, Arbor

Day proclamation. MOTION to accept agenda as amended by Wing. Seconded by

Hardgrove. No discussion, all approved.

1.2 City website lists street tree list as "recommended", not "approved". Need to ask them to amend this.

1.3 Recap of Arbor Day - went well.

1.4 Weed barrier was put in place by skate park, as recommended by Public Works. Per Gerlinde, volunteers were finding it hard to keep up with aggressive weeds.

1.5 We cannot attend Council meeting where our motions are being discussed (maintaining street tree positions, notification of plans to remove trees) as meeting is being held concurrently.

1.6 Was water trailer included in OWEB grant? Spelletich will ask Oxendine.

2. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items

Clark: it would be helpful for the TUFC to present an update to the City Council on the status of urban forestry in Talent. A power point has been started for this, Spelletich will send to members to look over.

3. Approval of Minutes – **April 10 2024. Spelletich moved that minutes be approved as written. Seconded by Hardgrove. No discussion. All approved.**

4. Current Projects

4.1 Street Tree List. Additions are being entered by Collins. Once complete, we will review and forward to Council for approval.

4.2 Brochure. At next meeting we will work on final pick for 15 small, 15 medium, and 15 large trees to include. Once done, Hardgrove will give to Ron (graphic designer) to lay out. Suggest we use key for trees - e.g. a letter for pollinator, native, canopy, fall color, etc. Next meeting we will finalize our choices.

4.3 Street Tree Inventory. Will need to wait until next meeting to schedule times for this due to member schedules. Suggest we use a large physical map of the city to mark off streets that have been completed. Hardgrove will bring. Once we complete a street, email committee to advise others to avoid duplication. Many areas need to be redone to have all trees designated with species.

4.4 Fall Plantings.

4.4.1 Talent Mobile Estates. OWEB funded and designed by Piper.

4.4.2 Arnos Street. Should this be done at the same time as TMS?

4.4.3 Gateway Project. Lease is up 6/2025. Timing of deconstruction still undetermined. Will need to find funding for moving out the shrubs and trees.

4.4.4 Summer Place wetlands. Council will be discussing water meter at May 1 meeting. Cost will be \$10,300. This includes SDC charge from Medford, Talent; hardware; installation costs. (\$6,000 is Talent SDC). Slayton and Flores are still communicating with OWEB funders to see if any of this cost can be covered. Discussion: if water meter is not approved, suggest our energies be put to higher priority areas due to difficulty in hand watering this area.

4.4 Master Plan. Additional work completed by Wing, Spelletich will review.

4.5 OWEB update. This has been requested from Flores, no response yet.

5. New Business

5.1 Interview of Jason Clark for position on the TUFC. Hardgrove: **MOTION to recommend to Council that they appoint Jason Clark to the TUFC. Seconded by Wing. Discussion: next Council meeting is in one week, hope to have this approved then. All approved.**

5.2 Tabling box. It would be helpful to have a box to take with us to events with items needed for table (brochures, clipboards, extra gloves, etc). Will discuss what to include at next meeting. Will be done without city funds.

5.3 Laminator. Wing has been printing signs for Kamerin Park Wetlands, and urban tree tags, but these are quickly destroyed by the weather. Would be helpful to have these laminated, and perhaps grommets on corners. Hardgrove will look into costs at Medford business.

5.4 Arbor Day proclamation. This is written by the Governor of Oregon yearly to be read. This year, the Arbor Day Foundation proclamation was read instead per Flores. We will request of council that next year the Oregon Governor's proclamation be read.

5.5 Spelletich has a Zoom meeting scheduled with Britney to discuss options for obtaining grants.

6. Agenda Items for April 24th

Approve new tree list

Pick trees for brochure

Items to include for tabling box

Tree inventoring: mark on map, set dates

Discuss presentation for City Council re forestry status

Bring ideas of things to request from grants

OWEB update

Summer Place water meter

7. Adjournment 7:47

Attested by:



Julie Spelletich, Chair, Talent Urban Forestry Committee