

**(NDRC) NEWBERG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Newberg Public Safety Building - Newberg, Oregon
WEDNESDAY, July 18, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.**

To be approved at the September 19, 2007, NDRC Meeting

1. Call to order:

Chairman John Bridges called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

2. Roll call:

John Bridges
Rob Felton

John Estrem
Kristen Horn

Diane Ferranti
Jack Reardon

Absent:

Candy Collins

Lon Wall

Corey Zielsdorf

Staff Present:

David Beam, Economic Development Coordinator/Planner
David King, Recording Secretary

3. Meeting Minutes:

There were minutes to approve from the June 20, 2007 meetings. With one typo correction on page two, the minutes were approved.

MOTION: RIERSON/FELTON to approve the minutes from June 20, 2007 (6 Yes/0 No, 3 absent during vote).
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4. Public Comments:

No citizens were present at the beginning of the meeting.

5. Street Trees:

Mrs. Kristin Ramstad was welcomed back. **Mr. Beam** then referenced the packet of tree information. The alphabetic listing in the Agenda Packet matches the order of the additional pictorial tree packet handed out prior to the meeting.

Mr. Reardon asked Mrs. Ramstad to address the two trees that this council had previously chosen (i.e. the Vine Maple and Flowering Cherry).

Ms. Ramstad commented first about the chart header column called “Prohibited?” (Agenda Packet P7ff) This designation is there because the spreadsheet was derived from one that originated from some work for the City of Springfield, where they placed a “Y” or “N” to indicate if a particular type of tree is prohibited in their city. The Vine Maple was prohibited, in part, because it is multi-stemmed, and does not look proportional when poorly trimmed, and clearance issues become a difficulty for multi-stemmed trees. Plus, the tree does not tolerate extreme afternoon sun and heat. Such exposure changes the color of the leaves.

The Flowering Cherry needs lots of room to reach its full form. They also tend to be “goopy”—drop much sap and fruit litter that brings about messy sidewalks. They also can cause sidewalk problems, and they don’t prune very well. In summation, she believes that NDRC should re-evaluate its choices.

The members decided to hear Mrs. Ramstad’s expertise on which trees she would recommend. She was shown the city’s recommendation for trees to be planted at the parking lot at Blaine St. and Hancock. Mrs. Ramstad pointed out that the European Beech tree has sidewalk-lifting root systems, and therefore, not a good choice. The Cultivar is not very drought resistant and tends to attract aphids.

Mrs. Ramstad’s Recommendations:

<u>Common Name:</u>	<u>Page:</u>	<u>Attributes:</u>
Paperbark Maple	P7	Bark is attractive; slow growing, well behaved, beautiful looking each one is different—they are not cultivated to be exactly the same, which could be appealing on a street
European Hornbeam	P9	A great work-horse of a tree; reliable canopy, tear-drop shape, low maintenance, little disease problems
Katsura	P9	One of Mrs. Ramstad’s favorites, needs to be established with plenty of water, but then rather drought resistant, nice leaves, tends to be slow growing (pictured full grown in packet)
Eastern Redbud	P9	Provides nice canopy for people sitting under it, nice spring colors, can be tricky to transplant
Oklahoma Redbud	P9	
Fringe Tree	P9	White flowering, a low canopy tree, can be multi-stemmed
Glorybower Tree	P9	Small for around benches, flowers mid-to-late summer, with interesting blue/magenta seeds, leaves smell like peanut butter
Korean Dogwood	P10	Resists disease
Chinese Tupelo	P10	There is a more readily available tree with the attributes of the Chinese Tupelo
Am. Hop Hornbeam	P10	Tends to be more spreading in canopy size instead of tear-

shaped like the European Hornbeam

A break in the recommended list was taken to better define the heading “Drought Tolerant”. After any of the above mentioned trees are established with plenty of watering in the first two years, they all should do fine from June to September when there is very little rain typically in Newberg. They will especially thrive without western, afternoon exposure.

Pear trees P11 Will need to be replaced in 25 – 30 years
(in general)

Japanese Snowbell P11

Japanese Tree Lilac P12 Performs well, persistent leaves (i.e., not shedding all at once)

Tree litter is best defined as saps and fruits that pile up under the canopy once they fall. This includes leaves as well that don’t typically blow away. A tree has outlived its usefulness—reached its lifespan—if the cost of maintaining (watering, pruning, cleaning up the litter) outweighs its benefits.

Discussion about Recommendations:

Mrs. Ramstad reiterated that a multi-stem tree can work in an urban setting; they provide a nice, visual variety. They just don’t work well at intersections where the multi-stem nature can block the line(s) of sight.

Mr. Felton asked, of the recommended list, which trees are drought tolerant trees.

She responded that the excel spreadsheet of the tree information can produce a list of trees that comply with any one of the header topics/issue. She also read through her recommendations pointing out the ones that are drought tolerant.

She also had a note to share about red maples, often peoples’ favorite. There are male and female maples. The male cultivars do not produce flowers or “helicopter” droppings. This tree can work well with a forested backdrop.

Chair Bridges suggested that a list of tall trees is needed from Mrs. Ramstad to replace the Chanticleer Pear trees in Newberg. He would like to get *seven* tall tree choices from Mrs. Ramstad at a future meeting.

There was some discussion on how to pass along the new recommendations to the City Council, as well as the Public Works Dept. that wants to plant the shrubs and trees in the parking lot area this coming fall. It was decided that short/low canopy tree recommendations will be decided upon tonight, and that the tall tree recommendations will come later.

The committee members then put forth their 3 short tree choices:

JR:	Glorybower	Japanese Lilac	Korean Dogwood.
JE:	Glorybower	any dogwood	
RF:	Glorybower	Korean Dogwood	Eastern Redbud (drought resistant)
DF:	Glorybower	Korean Dogwood	
KH:	Glorybower	Eastern Redbud	Japanese Snowbell

JB: Eastern Redbud Korean Dogwood Flowering Cherry

Mr. Beam pointed out that a flowering cherry allows for red leaves during the year instead of the usual color of green.

The final choices were Glorybower, Korean Dogwood, and Eastern Redbud/Forest Pansy.

MOTION: HORN/FELTON to recommend to the City Council replacing the currently adopted short/low canopy trees for downtown of the Vine Maple and Flowering Cherry with the Glorybower, Korean Dogwood, and the Eastern Redbud/Forest Pansy. (6 Yes/0 No, 3 absent during vote).

6. Project Updates:

DEMONSTRATION BLOCK:

Chair Bridges stated that the demonstration block project is in the City's approved 07-08 budget. The NDRC needs to raise its match portion of \$20K. Mr. Bridges has applied to the Rotary morning group to help out financially. Mr. Wall and Mr. Beam will contact Mr. Attrell to discuss the possibility of him contributing \$10,000 to the downtown demonstration block.

HESS CREEK FENCING:

Chair Bridges met with Dan Schutter from GFU and Dan Danicic. The outcome of the meeting is that the City would likely accept some design of a 42' high fence that would be supported by the existing fence posts holding up the chain link fence. Mr. Bridges then re-contacted Bart Rierison, who will double-check the original source of fence iron.

GATEWAY WELCOME SIGN:

Chair Bridges had nothing to report.

PROPOSED URD:

Mr. Reardon reported that no meeting has taken place yet.

PROPOSED DONATION:

Mr. Wall was not present to report.

7. Other Business:

Mr. Beam had nothing to report.

8. Next Meeting:

The next NDRC meeting will be held August 15, 2007.

9. Chair Bridges adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Passed by the NDRC Committee of the City of Newberg this 19th day of September, 2007.

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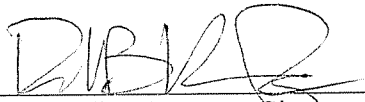
ABSTAIN:
(list names)

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ABSENT:

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ATTEST:



NDRC Recording Secretary Signature



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