

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA

AGENDA

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 5, 2024

4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

VIA ZOOM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of December 18, 2023 Beautification & Tree Minutes
5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Reports from January work session
 - B. Progress on sculpture for Trevitt triangle
 - C. Staff Liaison updates
7. ACTION ITEMS
8. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Heritage trees identification
 - B. Mapping past Beautification Award winners for The Dalles Art Center Garden event driving tour
 - C. Urban renewal fund grants-to include benches in proposal for trash receptables
9. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting conducted Via ZOOM

Prepared by/
Abigail Jara, Executive Assistant

CITY OF THE DALLES BEAUTIFICATION & TREE COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 18, 2023

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Janet Kavanagh

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debi Ferrer, Janet Kavanagh, John Nelson, Adam Rahmlow, Sarah Mello

ABSENT: Angel Drinkwine

Staff Liaison: Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

Also in attendance: Amie Ell, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Abby Jara conducted roll call; Ferrer, Kavanagh, Nelson, Rahmlow, Mello present. Drinkwine absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Rahmlow and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Rahmlow, Nelson, Kavanagh, Ferrer, Mello voting in favor; none opposed; Drinkwine absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mello and seconded by Rahmlow to approve the November 20, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Mello, Rahmlow, Ferrer, Kavanagh, Nelson voting in favor; none opposed; Drinkwine absent

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Proposed cruise dock planting area/ Downtown trash can placement

Nelson, Ferrer, Kavanagh met at cruise dock to look at planter area/hillside and drove together to look at potential trash can placement.

Ferrer will plot the trashcan plan onto a map.

Committee discussed budgeting for bike racks & benches next year—FY 24/25

Rahmlow said to keep in mind adding benches, planters, racks when choosing trash can locations.

Committee discussed proposing up to 44 trash cans in a letter to Urban Renewal.

Kavanagh said the Director of Community Development asked the BTC (Beautification & Tree Committee) to draw up a plan & proposal for the planter and hillside near dock.

Nelson said in the Spring, the BTC would have a better idea of what native plants are currently on the hillside. Then use that information to determine what to add.

Ferrer asked for a work session in January. BTC understood no decisions could be made at a work session.

Ferrer said the hillside area will require maintenance, weed eating, pruning. City needs a plan with low/no maintenance but this may not be possible on that hillside.

Kavanagh said a small group of volunteers may be needed to help the city maintain.

Ferrer said BTC may help with weeding, along with tracking the City's parklet/triangles.

Mello said the existing plants need cleaning up not completely removed, then added the plan should include a plan for maintenance.

Ferrer recommended 44 trash cans to be purchase by Urban Renewal Agency and placed in locations near suggested areas.

The BTC discussed the number of trash cans and locations for a proposal to Urban Renewal.

Ferrer moved the BTC submit a proposal to the Urban Renewal Agency for the purchase of up to 50 trash cans placed in suggested locations downtown. It was seconded by Mello; the motion passed 4 to 1; Ferrer, Mello, Nelson, Kavanagh in favor; Rahmlow opposed; Drinkwine absent.

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Chair Kavanagh was assigned to write proposed letter.

Work session at CGCC

Kavanagh said students return after new year, 2 weeks to submit design- Robert and Chris, CGCC Instructors, will present design/blueprints/renderings, the last week of January. Fabrication will start and go through March.

Committee discussed design ideas. These included;

- Height
- Color
- Native Plants
- Abstract
- Different metal types
- Other materials (recycled wood/plastic)

DISCUSSION

Create Timeline for helping with TDAC Garden Event

Kavanagh said the Beautification Award recipients, starting in 2019, would be contacted to see if okay to be included on map for self-guided tour.

Kavanagh said Master Gardeners are not doing a garden tour. Humble Roots, plus others, will be doing presentations. (Please see attached).

Ferrer suggested the BTC create Heritage Tree walking tour for the event.

Trash Cans proposal for Urban Renewal

Discussion and decision occurred during Committee Reports.

Plan work session for Heritage Tree Project

Items for work session

- Map notating Heritage Trees for driving tour.
- Walking tour of Heritage Trees
- Contacting owners/winners of Beautification & Tree Committee Award winners.

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Rahmlow announced he would be leaving the BTC most likely Spring.

Next Meeting: February 5th, 2024
Items for Next Meeting:
Cruise Dock planter plan

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Submitted by/
Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

SIGNED: _____
Janet Kavanagh, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

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Hi Janet,

I'm sure one of us could give a presentation about the partnership during the garden show exhibit, and we could also cover Backyard Habitat as well if you think that is of interest to participants. Regarding native plants, I'm so glad you're connecting with Drew and Kristin. You could also reach out to Barbara Robinson and Paul Slichter, cc'd on this email. They are two of the region's preeminent botanists (though they will humbly deny this) and have a wealth of knowledge about our local flora. Paul curates a [website](http://science.halleyhosting.com/) at <http://science.halleyhosting.com/> and Barbara has been lovingly restoring a native plant community and interpretive walk at the Discovery Center for over a decade. If you haven't already, you should find ways to elevate and support their work through the garden show to promote native plants.

We'd be happy to talk about the East Cascades Oak Partnership and the value of Oregon white oak. It's so easy to take them for granted around here, but we can change that! I also thought I'd point you to a [webinar](#) given a year ago by author Doug Tallamy at one of our partnership meetings. Doug is really passionate about the native oaks where he lives and will inspire just about anyone who has an oak in their yard! As an aside, he's also started a nonprofit that is similar to the Backyard Habitat Program called Homegrown National Park whose mission is to plant 20 million acres (½ of America's lawns!) with native plants.

Thanks for reaching out and for your support of land conservation and native plant stewardship in the gorge. Let me know what you're thinking about presentations and good luck with your planning efforts.

Lindsay

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Thanks!

Hello Janet. Thank you so much for the kind words and for the invitation to join you for The Garden Show. As much as I would love to say yes to this invitation, I'm afraid our team doesn't have capacity for it. We're stretched thin and need to focus our energy on meeting prior commitments. I'm going to share some resources that you are very welcome to use, though, in case that's helpful:

- Our website that includes loads of handouts and resources related to native plants, removing invasive weeds, stewarding wildlife, gardening without pesticides, and managing rainwater on site. Our Galleries section may also have things you'd be interested in (photos of habitat gardens, etc). <https://smex-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fbackyardhabitats.org&umid=17198acc-eeeb-46a2-83c3-f0f69ee58a3d&auth=dfa5330769b476da34854d1d8be27fe316c52a30-c5df8545f525b0c34a35f584fbd950eca67258b>

- Village and Wilderness - a group dedicated to supporting new and existing habitat programs. <https://smex-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.villageandwilderness.org&umid=17198acc-eeeb-46a2-83c3-f0f69ee58a3d&auth=dfa5330769b476da34854d1d8be27fe316c52a30-6e542588bd8f6418dced2a362253bb9437e2e7f3> They have case studies for programs around the country, including ours. <https://smex-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.villageandwilderness.org%2fresource%2dcenter%2dcase%2dstudies%2f&umid=17198acc-eeeb-46a2-83c3-f0f69ee58a3d&auth=dfa5330769b476da34854d1d8be27fe316c52a30-b124d43c38b12ae1e14080d4667f4ce804e2e969>

- National Wildlife Federation's online certification program. <https://www.nwf.org/CERTIFY>

I hope the event goes well. Thanks again for thinking of us. Someday in the future I'm hoping we have more capacity for requests like this.

All my best,
Susie Peterson