

MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 5, 2024

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Janet Kavanagh

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

STAFF LIAISON: Abby Jara, Staff Liaison

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Amie Ell, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Ferrer to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6 to 0; Nelson, Ferrer, Drinkwine, Mello, Rahmlow, Kavanagh voting in favor; none opposed; none absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ferrer and seconded by Nelson to approve the December 18, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried 6 to 0; Ferrer, Nelson, Drinkwine, Mello, Rahmlow, Kavanagh voting in favor; none opposed; none absent

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Mello stated she got the impression that various city planners have GIS mapping and asked if the City can help create a map, that included:

- BTC Award winning homes, as a walking/driving tour
- Identifying Heritage Trees

Ell will contact Planning Department regarding the creation of map.

Ell also stated she will do a press release, that will go to Newspapers, add it to the City website, and the City's Facebook page, once information is received from the BTC.

Mapping past Beautification Award winners for TDAC Garden event driving tour

BTC will be contacting past winners by starting with an email, letter, and phone calls, as needed.

A letter will be sent by Monday, February 12th, along with an email.

Urban Renewal fund grants to include benches in proposal for trash receptacles

Kavanagh spoke with Robert (CGCC Instructor) regarding benches. A rough estimate of \$300 per bench. Coating and painting can increase costs, including dimension changes.

Ell suggested to get proposal in to Urban Renewal before budget planning meetings.

Ferrer & Kavanagh will create bench proposal in addition to trash cans after confirming cost and number of benches with CGCC cost rate.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2024

Items for Next Meeting: Beautification & Tree Committee Budget plan


ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.


Submitted by/

Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

SIGNED:


Janet Kavanagh, Chair

ATTEST:


Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

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Abigail Jara

From: Janet Kavanagh <janet450@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:13 AM
To: Abigail Jara
Cc: John Nelson; Sarah Mello; Debi Ferrer; Angel Drinkwine; Adam Rahmlow
Subject: The Dalles' Beautification and Tree Committee invites all members...

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Hi Abigail,

Can you print this for our discussion today?
Thanks, Janet

The Dalles' Beautification and Tree Committee invites all members of our community to participate in identifying and honoring our heritage trees. We are joining many towns in Oregon, other states, and around the world that have created listings and mapped the locations of trees with aesthetic, botanical, ecological, and historical value.

A heritage tree definition is broad and diverse; it may have a uniquely exquisite structure, be very old, a rare species, have historical significance, generational family memory, be the last of a long ago orchard for example, have a story to tell, be exceptionally large, etc.

A town without trees is a wasteland. Many older trees have been felled here for housing developments, and others died from drought and disease as the climate changes. It's encouraging to see new trees planted recently through initiatives by the City, Parks Department, and individual homeowners. With our incipient Heritage Tree Program, we aim to raise the awareness of the amazing special trees that grace our community. Look up and around as you drive to work, run errands, and take your children to school and appreciate the beauty, significance and value of our heritage trees.

We invite you to nominate a tree that you feel meets the definition of a heritage tree, and tell us a story. It could be in your yard, a parking strip, a business, on a bluff or side of the road, anywhere in The Dalles.

Abigail Jara

From: Janet Kavanagh <janet450@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Abigail Jara
Subject: More pics

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These pics are of a memorial bench Robert and his students made for the high school.



The Dalles Downtown Tree Project Map

