

MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 1, 2024

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Janet Kavanagh
MEMBERS PRESENT: Debi Ferrer, Janet Kavanagh, John Nelson, Angel Drinkwine
ABSENT: Sarah Mello & Adam Rahmlow
Staff Liaison: Abby Jara, Staff Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Ferrer to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0; Nelson, Ferrer, Kavanagh, Drinkwine voting in favor; none opposed; Mello & Rahmlow absent

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Scott Susi, Conservation Planner for Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District

Scott Susi, Conservation Planner for Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District, introduced himself. He stated he had contacted Kavanagh who updated him on the committee's work within the community. Susi stated several Conservation Districts, including Wasco County, had been wanting to do more urban conservation to address soil issues, local pollinators, and wildlife.

Kavanagh stated Susi would help within the community to work on controlling 2 invasive noxious weeds.

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Susi stated on hillside near the cruise ship dock there is 'Rush Skeletonweed' and 'Diffused Knapweed,' both weeds are considered class B noxious weeds under the State of Oregon, which indicates they're spread throughout the state. He also mentioned the Diffused Knapweed is in the County and land managers will treat when possible but there's not enough money to locate them. There are approved bio controls, they've had some success with. Rush Skeletonweed is a challenging plant, there isn't an approved bio control for it, if you pull the plant, it grows back twice as big the following year. Herbicides are the only tools the Conservation District are able to use for this particular plant, with limited pump houses that work effectively.

Susi had questions regarding the hillside prep to help the Beautification & Tree Committee (BTC) to mitigate and know what chemical compounds are in the soil, to control noxious weeds if the committee decides to beautify it.

1. Who's been treating the hillside?

2. What herbicides have been used?

Nelson asked if the Conservation District can treat the noxious weeds and avoid harming the native plants.

Susi said there, non-selective herbicides, that can be used as necessary as a vegetation manager. They contain compounds just for weeds and do not hurt the grass.

Drinkwine asked Susi why the State trying to eliminate the noxious weeds.

Susi replied the State has a noxious weed program throughout the state and it prioritizes invasive plants (noxious weeds) which can have a negative economic impact on the State.

Kavanagh asked Susi if he's able to help clean the hillside with herbicides.

Susi said because it is a small spot, he would be able to survey the area. He went into details as to what he would potentially do to treat the hillside. Will do some research and report back to the committee.

Drinkwine suggested a work party, to prepare the hillside by pulling weeds by hand and laying fabric down to prevent plants from growing. Susi agreed, stating it helps with solar radiation, conserves the moisture below, and keeps the weeds from germinating.

Ferrer informed Susi their timeline on prepping the hillside was hopefully this fall.

Jon Chavers, member of Mainstreet Board of Directors, introduced himself. He gave an update on the Board of Directors of Mainstreet, their growth and improvement as a whole entity.

Kavanagh suggested the BTC attend some of the Mainstreet meetings.

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Nelson asked if Mainstreet had received national accreditation.

Chavers responded they had received state accreditation. He also informed the committee they are a 501(c)3 nonprofit, who partner with municipalities, counties, to the neighborhood level.

Chavers suggested if the committee would like to work on a waterfront off-leash dog park project and discussed the details of the project.

Chavers will send the committee the work he had done on the dog park, projects Mainstreet is brainstorming, and their vision statement via email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sculpture Updates

Kavanagh communicated with Robert Clark and Chris Dodson (CGCC Instructors) on the change they would like on the chosen sculpture design to make the side images more iconic of The Dalles. The instructors agreed to.

DISCUSSION

Cinder Blocks

The committee suggested in the future, The City use more decorative blocks, stained, textured, earthy colors, with a cap on top of the blocks so people are able to sit on.

2nd Saturday Clean-Up

Ferrer will sign the committee up for 2nd Saturday Clean Ups with organizer Rachel Carter. She informed the committee of their obligations when attending.

- Saturday, April 13th- Ferrer will attend
- Saturday, May 11th- Drinkwine will attend
- Saturday, June 8th- Kavanagh, tentatively will attend
- Saturday, July 13th- Nelson will attend

The committee wants to invite CCC News to join one of their meetings to write an article the need for volunteers to join the committee and the projects their working on.

Kavanagh and Nelson found two trees they would like to nominate for the State Heritage Trees program. They will reach out to the County for more discussion on Heritage Trees.

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Next Meeting: April 15, 2024

Items for Next Meeting:

- Discussion of article for CCC News

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Submitted by/

Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

SIGNED:


Janet Kavanagh, Chair

ATTEST:


Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

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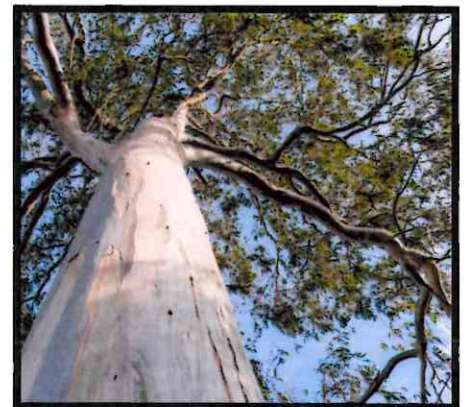
The City of The Dalles
Beautification & Tree Committee

HERITAGE

TREES

NOMINATE A HERITAGE TREE

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



A HERITAGE TREE:

- is generally at least 50 years old
- may have a unique structure
- may be very old
- may be very large
- may be a rare species
- may have historical significance
- may have generational stories

NOMINATION FORM:
www.thedalles.org/HeritageTree



Heritage Tree Nomination Form

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- has generational family memory
- has a story to tell

Nominate a tree that you feel meets the definition of a heritage tree. It could be in your yard, a parking strip, a business or school, in a park or by a creek, the Riverfront Trail, on a bluff or side of the road, anywhere in The Dalles.

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email

* Phone

Ex. (123) 456-7890

* Address or location description of tree

Approximate age &/or species (if known)

* Share details about what makes this tree special.

If possible, please upload photos of the tree below.

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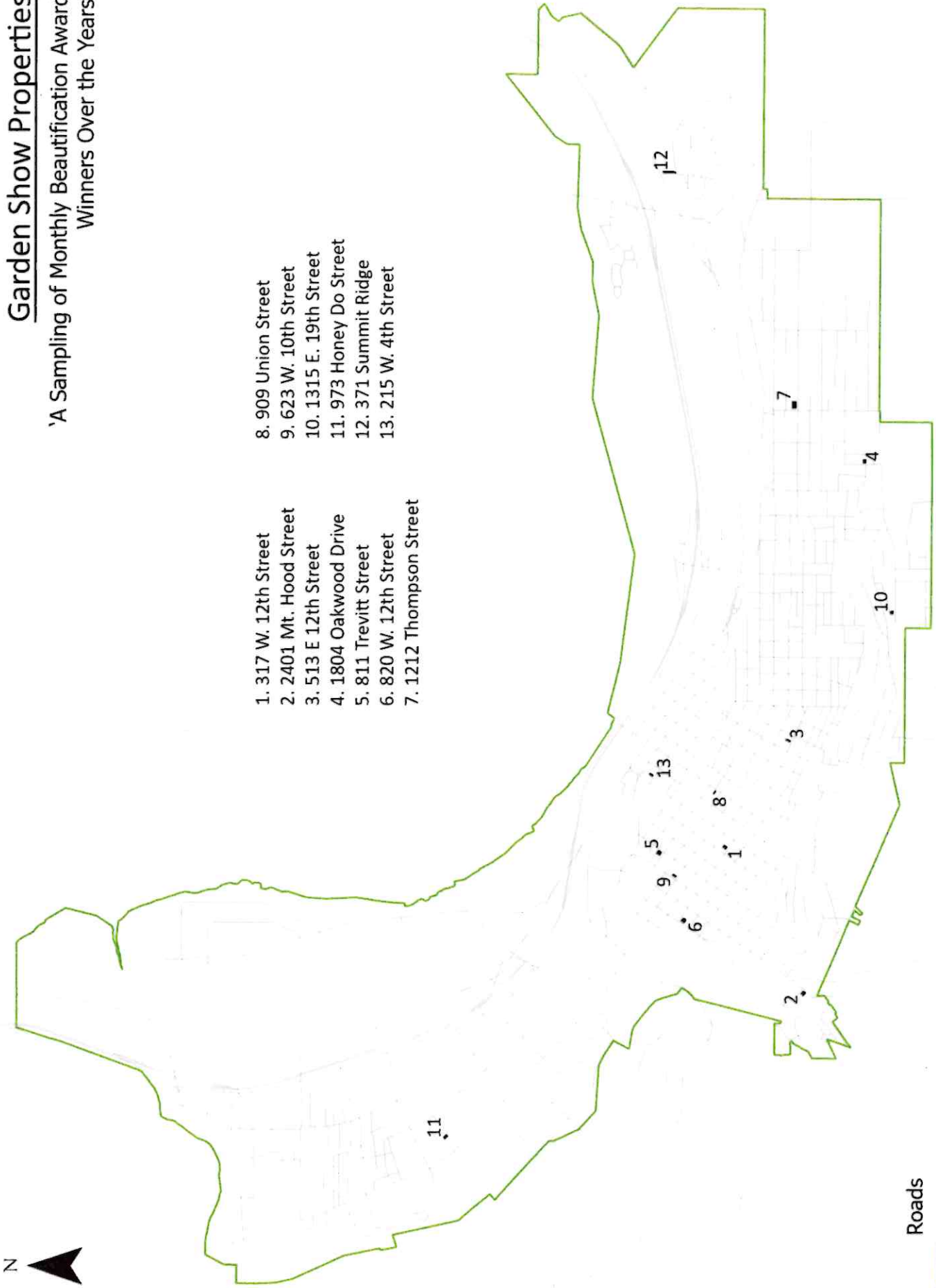
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Garden Show Properties

'A Sampling of Monthly Beautification Award
Winners Over the Years'

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 317 W. 12th Street | 8. 909 Union Street |
| 2. 2401 Mt. Hood Street | 9. 623 W. 10th Street |
| 3. 513 E 12th Street | 10. 1315 E. 19th Street |
| 4. 1804 Oakwood Drive | 11. 973 Honey Do Street |
| 5. 811 Trevitt Street | 12. 371 Summit Ridge |
| 6. 820 W. 12th Street | 13. 215 W. 4th Street |
| 7. 1212 Thompson Street | |



Roads
The Dalles UGB