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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JUNE 10, 2024
5:30 p.m.

LIVE STREAM / IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long, Tim McGlothlin, Scott Randall, Dan Richardson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Rod Runyon

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Amie Ell, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Ell. McGlothlin, Randall, Richardson present. Long joined at 5:38pm. Runyon absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mays noted a supplemental agenda added item 11B Special Ordinance No. 24-014.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Richardson to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried 3 to 0, Randall, Richardson, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed; Long, Runyon absent.

Councilor Long joined at 5:38pm

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PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council - Gloria Center & The Annex

Kenny LaPoint Executive Direct of Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) presented an update of current projects to Council. He highlighted;

- Gloria Center grand opening was on May 31st
 - It is a multi-agency social service center housing MCCAC, Bridges to Health, Center for Living, Columbia Gorge Health Council, One Community Health, Department of Human Services, Oregon Human Development Corporation, and Nch'i Wana Housing.
 - Pallet shelters were moved to the site to provide 36 non-congregate beds for severe weather emergency shelters. They would not be used for year-round shelter, only for emergencies.
 - The City had committed early funding for the Gloria House project and were the lead applicant for the Community Resiliency Program grant from Oregon Department of Energy which provided the solar array, battery backup system, and electric vehicle charging station. It was a resiliency center that could operate on battery power for a month without needing to be re-charged.

Mayor Mays said the City had given \$500,000 to the project.

McGlothlin asked if there had been any backlash from local neighbors.

LaPoint said it was the nicest building in the neighborhood and there had been no complaints.

- The Annex renovations had been completed.
 - There were 2 different sides, one side was a family shelter the other was for singles and couples.
 - The family shelter was the first on the Oregon side of the Gorge. They had been using hotel vouchers for families before the shelter.
 - Facility included a pantry and 3 laundry rooms.
 - Close to \$2 million of renovations had been done.
 - Renovations included; new roof, new stucco, paint, windows, energy efficiency upgrades, hard surface flooring.
 - Operations and staffing had been going very well.
 - 65 people were currently served, 75 had been served during surge capacity at times of extreme weather events.
 - 24 people had been placed into permanent housing since the opening of the Annex.

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Klebes asked if LaPoint had a sense of how the other 2.0 Project Turnkey projects across the state had gone.

LaPoint said they had gone fairly well. There had been near 30 projects in Project Turnkey. The Dalles Annex had been highlighted in the legislative brochure along with the 11 other 2.0 Project Turnkey sites. LaPoint had been a keynote speaker at the Oregon Community Fund Foundation lunch highlighting the successes at the Annex. People from all over the state had requested and been given tours of the facility.

LaPoint noted the Annex had served 30 children under the age of 18 since the opening in October. They had a partnership with the Youth Empowerment Shelter (YES House) to house young people who age out of their program.

McGlothlin asked if the youth were receiving counseling services.

LaPoint said they received housing counseling through MCCAC and were paired with other services they qualified for such as behavioral health or culturally specific providers.

Richardson thanked LaPoint and his staff for the work they did in the community.

Mayor Mays asked if there was a third round of funding for Project Turnkey.

LaPoint said there had not been a third round yet, but thought there would be a push for it in the next legislative session. The legislature had funded Project Turnkey and then the Oregon Community Foundation had administered the dollars.

LaPoint said additional updates included;

- The point-in-time count of homeless data would soon be coming out. Unverified numbers showed the number of homeless had stayed flat in the service area.
- Northwest Housing Alternatives owns the site was working with MCCAC on developing the Chenoweth Westgate Market. Northwest Housing Alternative was working on an application for a competitive process to receive taxing credits to help fund development.
- The Gloria Center back lot was being staged for a future affordable housing development.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chuck Gomez of the Grenada Theater said he would like to see the City put a grant program in place to help downtown businesses purchase and maintain planters. He suggested \$1000 grants be made available for applicants who would like to beautify downtown businesses with plants.

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Luise Langheinrich owner of Lines of Designs presented her letter updating on her findings of the 2024 tour boat season. (see attached)

Debi Ferrer member of the Beautification and Tree Committee updated council on the committee's most recent work and projects. These included;

- Residential Tree Grant Program had given 28 shade trees to the community. They were planted last fall, and all were doing well. Program would continue in the fall.
- Following and planning for the application of the Green Infrastructure Grant as well as Oregon Department of Forestry & Urban and Community Forestry Program grants.
- Working with Columbia Gorge Community College students to create a second sculpture for the Trevitt Triangle.
- In partnership with The Dalles Art Center Spring Garden event, a walking tour of notable trees in The Dalles was available to help inspire nomination for Heritage Trees.

Erin Wills local resident, said she had an interest in the Google datacenter and the activity happening at the site. She wanted to know what opportunities there were for the community to learn credible information and engage in the process.

Mayor Mays said there would be a second work session meeting on the subject occurring at 5:30 on July 23rd and the Wasco County Building. He said the City Council and County Commission had heard ideas about the process, no individual projects or programs were discussed. Ideas included revenue bonds and an endowment, on July 23rd more information would be given about those ideas.

Willis asked about the data center environmental impacts. She said she wanted to learn more about the tech industry here and wanted to know if there was a committee or group of people she could talk with that would be a credible source.

Klebes said he would be happy to meet with her and discuss what he knew and direct her to the correct people to talk with about her questions.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported;

- Strategic Investment Program (SIP) joint work session with Wasco County.
 - A community survey had been developed and posted soliciting input and feedback on the revenues and how they may best serve and position our community for success going forward.
- Successful E 12th Neighborhood Outreach meeting informing of the project and addressing concerns

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- Gloria Center ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Planning Committee for the Oregon City-County Manager's Association conference which would take place June 24th-27th in Hood River
 - On the afternoon of June 26th Economic Development Officer, City Manager, and volunteers from Walldogs would be leading tours of the downtown area for conference attendees.
- KODL radio show appearance.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Richardson reported;

- For anyone wanting to look more into the discussion of the SIP funds joint work session the Agenda Staff Report was available on the Wasco County Commissioners website in their June 5th agenda packet.

Councilor Randall reported;

- Joint work session with Wasco County.
- QLife board meeting.
 - Approved intergovernmental agreement with Mid-Columbia Economic Development District for broadband technical assistance and grant writing.
 - Adopted fiscal year 2024/25 budget.
 - Results of financial audit.
 - Executive session.

Councilor McGlothlin reported;

- Joint work session.
- Airport board commission meeting was upcoming.

Councilor Long reported;

- Walk about with Planning Department Director and Richard Wolf talked about the 1st & Union Street project downtown for Urban Renewal.
- Joint work session.
- Swearing in ceremony for newest police officer.
- Met 2 separate times with citizens interested in Urban Renewal projects.
- Agenda planning meeting for Urban Renewal.

Mayor Mays reported;

- KODL interview.
- Gloria Center ribbon cutting.
- Joint work session.

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- Police officer swearing in.
- Gave a speech at the Oregon Rural Letter Carriers Association conference.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Randall to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0, Richardson, Randall, McGlothlin, Long voting in favor; none opposed; Runyon absent.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the May 28, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. 2) Approval of Salary Increases for Municipal Court Judge, City Attorney, and City Manager.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 24-013 Declaring the City of The Dalles' Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Mayor Mays opened the public hearing and asked for the staff report.

Finance Manager Angie Wilson presented the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked for public testimony in favor. There was none.

Mayor Mays asked for public testimony opposed. There was none.

Mayor Mays opened for Council discussion. There was none.

Mayor Mays closed the public hearing at 6:25 pm

It was moved by Randall and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 24-013 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The motion carried 4 to 0, Randall, McGlothlin, Richardson, Long voting in favor; none opposed; Runyon absent.

Resolution No. 24-012 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for the City of The Dalles, Making Appropriations, Authorizing Expenditures, Levying Taxes, And Authorizing the City Manager to Take Such Action as Necessary to Carry Out the Adopted Budget

Mayor Mays opened the public hearing and asked for the staff report.

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Finance Manager Angie Wilson presented the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked for public testimony in favor. There was none.
Mayor Mays asked for public testimony opposed. There was none.

Mayor Mays opened for Council discussion. There was none

Mayor Mays closed the public hearing at 6:29 pm

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 24-012 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for the City of The Dalles, making Appropriations, Authorizing Expenditures, Levying Taxes, and Authorizing the City Manager to Take Such Action as Necessary to carry out the Adopted Budget. The motion carried 4 to 0, Richardson, McGlothlin, Randall, Long voting in favor; none opposed; Runyon absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Insurance Renewal

Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter presented the staff report. He introduced Scott Raynier of Columbia River Insurance.

Richardson asked what was covered with cyber insurance.

Hunter said it would cover material or financial losses due to a cyber-attack.

Mayor Mays said it had been anticipated there would be a larger property increase.
Hunter said 13% had been estimated but it had come in at only 3.4%.

It was moved by Randall and seconded by McGlothlin to Direct the City Manager to renew the City's Insurance through CIS for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for an amount not to exceed \$583,328.45 not including Agent's fee and Renewal of Workers Compensation through SAIF, for an amount not to exceed \$118,496.25. The motion carried 4 to 0, Randall, McGlothlin, Richardson, Long voting in favor; none opposed; Runyon absent.

Special Ordinance No. 24-601 Temporarily Banning the Use of Fireworks as a Result of Extreme Weather Conditions and Declaring an Emergency

Richardson said this would make fireworks use a class A civil infraction which was less than a misdemeanor and a person ticketed would go to municipal court. He asked how the fines would

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be determined if it could be up to \$750.

Jonathan Kara City Attorney said it would be brought before the municipal court judge who would make the determination of the fine amount.

Audience participant Carolyn Wood said the fireworks ban was a good idea.

City Clerk Amie Ell read Special Ordinance No. 24-601 by title.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Special Ordinance No. 24-601 Temporarily Banning the Use of Fireworks as a Result of Extreme Weather Conditions and Declaring an Emergency by title only. The motion carried 4 to 0, Richardson, Randall, McGlothlin, Long voting in favor; none opposed; Runyon absent

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Transient Room Tax (TRT) Vision

City Manager Matthew Klebes presented the staff report.

Mayor Mays asked for an example of what TRT money was currently being used for.

Klebes said 55% was used toward tourism promotion through a contract with the Chamber of Commerce and included advertising, marketing, and the Visitor's Center. This was required per State law. An example of use of the other 45%, was funds going to support LINK public transportation. He said the suggestion was to amend the existing ordinance not replace it and keep the 55/45% requirement.

Mayor Mays said it was not required to use a Chamber of Commerce. Some of the TRT money went into the general fund and supported day to day operations including the Police, Community Development, Finance, and other departments. He said about \$367,000 went to Parks and Rec District and the rest was allocated to tourism related expenses or stayed in the general fund.

Klebes said this was correct and the total TRT revenues were approximately \$1.35 million in total.

Finance Director Angie Wilson confirmed \$370,000 was what had been dedicated to Parks and Rec. She said it was a budgeted number and if revenues came in higher, adjustments would have to be made.

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McGlothlin clarified there were two buckets. The first of 55% would be about \$490,000 and included the Chamber contract and visitor's center. The second was the rest which included Parks and Rec and the remaining went into the general city fund.

Mayor Mays said it was important for the public to know where the TRT money went and this should be a part of the future meetings.

Klebes said this was the first of a series of discussions on the topic. The purpose of the first discussion was to provide guidance to staff by clarifying the role tourism has in the community to help determine the changes that may be made to the ordinance and later setting the stage for the conversation around tourism services and the scope of work to accomplish the Council's objectives.

Mayor Mays said people who ran short term rentals (STRs) were doing a good, responsible job running their businesses. There were issues that had come up in many other cities in Oregon. He did not think The Dalles dramatically needed additional TRT revenues from STRs, but believed all the existing licenses should not be taken away. He would like to see tight restrictions on any new STRs. The impact on housing values and prices people were paying for homes was not worth the additional TRT revenue.

McGlothlin said there were initially not sufficient STR controls, but after hearing from citizens who had concerns about Air BNBs controls that had been put into place to respond to those concerns. These were working to find a balance.

Richardson said a conversation about TRT over time made sense and asked for a community survey to allow for more public participation. He leaned toward agreement with a vision statement close to number 3. Tourism is critical to many businesses in town. Communities should have a diversified economy and leaning heavily on tourism was not healthy. Including a cruise ship liaison role in the contract process would be important to include.

Scott Baker Executive Director of North Wasco County Parks and Recreation Department (NWCPR) said it was not uncommon for parks and rec department to receive TRT money in other cities. He explained what had happened to drive 2% going to NWCPR. When the City owned and operated the parks they had not paid a water bill. When the parks district was voted into existence the City had continued to pay the water bill until water meters were put into place and the Park's District became responsible for payment of the water bill. The City then gave the 2% of the TRT money to the Park's to then be used to pay for the water bill. The amount of TRT money now far exceeded the water bill. They would be receiving about \$330,000 in TRT taxes this year and the water bill would be about \$167,000. The gap had been crucial for the Park's district to function. He said the largest thing holding the Park District back was lack of grant

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match money. He said it could be a use of SIP funds. He said an additional 1% of TRT could be given to use only for capital projects and grant matching instead of for staff or any other use.

Mayor Mays said hopefully the additional SIP revenue coming in as well as the community service fees would help.

Baker said the first round of tax abatement had helped greatly.

Dawn Rasmussen, private citizen joined by Lisa Rundell Chamber of Commerce Finance Manager addressed council. She said tourism is an economic driver and having a professional tourism bureau or chamber was important. She urged council to be thoughtful in the process when determining what tourism should look like for the community.

McGlothlin said he recalled the talks of giving the Park's District 2% of the TRT for covering the cost of the water bill. He said the work the Chamber did was invaluable. He had participated in many parades and events and the growth of this year's was unbelievable.

Victor Johnson a local resident asked if it was known the percentage of the economy come from tourism. He said it was a good start to determine how much was wanted to ensure there was a balanced economy. He said tourism is not inherently good and having a vision was an important first step.

Carolyn Wood, a local resident said when the Discover Center was first being built the owner of the aluminum plant, Brett Wilcox had loaned money to get the project off the ground. He had said the investment needed to be made in the Discovery Center to begin developing tourism while not becoming 100% dependent on it. Wood said in 1993 the TRT tax was at 6% and locally 2% had been added to cover expensed incurred for the Sesquicentennial celebration event and later it was used to help pay for the cost of the underpass before going to Parks and Rec.

Randall said he agreed most with the 3rd vision statement in the staff report. He said destination points for tourists included Parks and Rec properties such as Sorosis Park and the Kelly Viewpoint and thought the 2% going to parks was well spent.

McGlothlin said he leaned in the same direction.

Long said she agreed with the council. She was concerned about STRs and the number of investors buying up homes in the area impacting housing. She said she had been thinking about the statement "We don't want to be Hood River" and that it was never defined. Hood River had a lot of water sports on the river and skiing and downtown shopping. She said tourism in The Dalles was different, it had downtown shopping but also a lot of historical sites and more

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prominent sporting events that could be increased. She said fishing events had broadened types of tourism and the time of year was also broadening.

Mayor Mays asked the City Manager if there had been enough feedback provided for staff to bring back more specificity to the next meeting.

Klebes said the next step was for staff to review the TRT Ordinance for legal sufficiency and to propose any alterations to bring it up to date. He said elements of what had been discussed may be more helpful in planning the third discussion which would focus on tourism services and what the scope of work may be.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Mayor Mays recessed Open Session at 7:45 pm

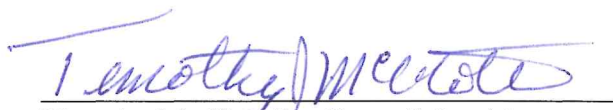
Mayor Mays reconvene Open Session at 7:53 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Submitted by/
Amie Ell, City Clerk

SIGNED:


Timothy McGlothlin, Council President

ATTEST:


Amie Ell, City Clerk

Date: 6/10/2024

To: The Dalles City Council Members, City Manager, Economics Development Officer

From: Luise Langheinrich, owner Lines of Designs, 107 E 2nd Street, Downtown The Dalles

Re: update on 2024 Tour Boat season

The cruise industry is doing very well globally and in the United States. Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), cruising.org, has several economic reports that explain how money flows into the economy from the cruise industry. The specific report that you may like to read is "Economic Contribution of Cruise Tourism to the United States 2022" a report produced for CLIA by Tourism Economics (part of Oxford University) December 2023. This is the link: https://cruising.org/-/media/clia-media/research/2024/economic-impact-of-cruise-in-united-states-2022_final_high-res.ashx.

My reason for researching this information was to see if the industry had rebounded from the pandemic. In fact, it not only rebounded but is growing. Passenger spending is growing.

Last year's tour boat season was abysmal with respect to the number of American Cruise Lines guests that visited our museums and the shops downtown. They were essentially absent even though the boats were present at our dock. The museums sustained losses as did the downtown merchants.

This tour season to date, we have had at least 20 boats use our dock since April, with additional ACL boats using our dock as re-fueling stops. The guests are visiting the museums, even Maryhill, which is an improvement over last year. But we downtown merchants are seeing very few walking through our downtown and hardly any going into our shops. I believe part of this is due to the lack of a coordinated marketing effort to the cruise ships. The other part is the bus & excursion schedule set up by American Cruise Lines.

A week and a half ago, I walked down to the cruise boat and spoke with the hotel manager. I told him I was there to help create a win-win between our downtown and the tour boats. He was not having the best day and shared why. He was frustrated in trying to find any marketing material on our community for his guests. The boat has a table in the lobby where information is displayed for the next day's stop. He told me he finally walked to the Chamber to obtain something. I have contacted American Cruise Lines corporate office to obtain permission to place a downtown marketing sheet on all of their boats, which we are in process of developing.

Where is the marketing & customer service liaison between the cruise boats and our downtown? What an embarrassing failure! From 2017 to the pandemic, we had the highly successful position of tour boat coordinator which facilitated tens of thousands of dollars coming into our economy each season. We know the cruise industry is growing and we know the tourists are spending money at their stops. This is simple economic development!

To salvage this tour season for the downtown, I suggest a part time tour boat coordinator is placed in the Economic Development Office. You can find the list of responsibilities for that position in the 2017 contract between the City & Main Street.

Communication is key in creating win-win situations. We downtown merchants need some wins, especially after last year. So besides helping a private corporation make money on our public resource, the dock, how about you also help your downtown merchants.

HISTORIC & NOTABLE TREES – A WALKING TOUR IN THE DALLES HISTORIC DISTRICT

Our walking tour begins at The Dalles Art Center, on the SW corner of E 4th St and Washington St.

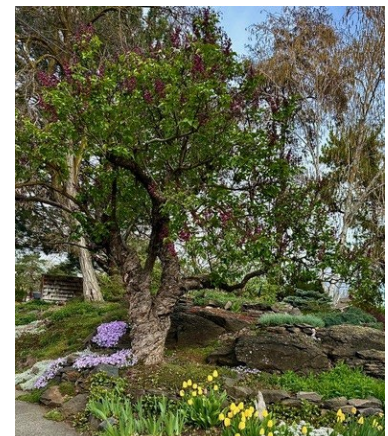
The full loop is approximately 1.75 miles long, but it can be broken into two smaller loops. Enjoy the beauty and diversity of trees as you stroll through our community!

- **Loop A – 0.75 miles long**
- **Loop B – 1.25 miles long**



Loop A

1. On the east side of The Dalles Art Center along Washington Street are two lovely **Japanese Flowering Cherry Trees** and an elegant and hardy native **Vine Maple**. They were planted around 2000; the cherry trees were grown from cuttings of original trees on the property that dated to the early 1900s, a wonderful legacy.
2. Head east on E 4th St, across Washington Street, and walk under the shade of some giant **Sycamore Trees**, planted in the early 1900s. These giants line several streets in our historic neighborhoods.
3. Continue east to Federal Street and turn right, passing two more **Sycamores** with circular planters around each tree.
4. Continue south on Federal up the hill toward an alleyway. Turn left at the alleyway toward Adam's Construction. Before you get to Adam's, look up at the hillside to see multiple examples of native **White Oak Trees**.
5. Turn around and head back west along the alleyway toward Washington Street. As you approach Washington St, notice the two large **Beech Trees** between the parking area and the office buildings.
6. At Washington Street, turn left and begin walking up the hill. Notice the mix of **locust, maple, and oak trees** on the sweep of the curve, next to the Christian Science Church.
7. Continue around the corner and up along E 7th Pl to Case St. Notice the large **Boxelder Maple** near the old stone driveway on the left (north) side of E 7th Pl.
8. Cross E 7th Pl and head up Case St. On your left, you'll see a tall grove of **Douglas Fir Trees**, probably at least 50 years old.
9. Continue up the hill on Case St to E 8th St. Look to your left (east) on 8th St to see a lovely shaded neighborhood on the block between Federal and Laughlin. These are more of the 120-year-old **Sycamore Trees**.
10. Turn around and head back down Case St. Turn left at E 7th Place head toward the library. As you pass 311 E 7th Pl, notice the bonsai-like **Lilac Tree** in the rock garden.



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11. Continue west on E 7th Pl. In the driveway between 300 and 218 E 7th Pl., across from the library parking lot is a large **Walnut Tree**.
12. At 214 E 7th St is a large and graceful **Weeping Birch Tree**.
13. Along the sidewalk above the library parking lot are five large **linden trees**, the only ones on our tour. The trees' flowers are attractive to bees and contribute to excellent honey.
14. No list of noteworthy trees would be complete without the gigantic, graceful **Sycamore** in the library courtyard, the most majestic of these historic trees that particularly thrived in the large backyard of a grand Victorian house that was deeded to the city upon the owner's death. The house stood vacant for many years, but was eventually torn down, and our current library was built around the grand sycamore. Enjoy the wood bear sculptures, too!
15. Turn right and head north, down the hill, on Court St. Pause at E 7th St to look west, past Union St to a lovely specimen of **Weeping Willow**.
16. Continue down the hill to the grand "English cottage style" house (700 Court St) just below the library. Lining the parking strip is a row of **maple trees** which demonstrate the beneficial shade, privacy and beauty that street trees can provide.
17. Now, turn around and look back toward the library. On the hillside below the library, notice the **Native White Oaks**. These are part of the same hillside formation you saw at #4.

Continue to E 5th St. This is the end of Loop A. If you want to stop here, continue north to E 4th St, turn right and head back to The Dalles Art Center. If you want to continue to Loop B, continue reading at #18.

Loop B

If you are starting at The Dalles Art Center, head west on E 4th St, turn left on Court St and walk to E 5th St. If you are continuing from Loop A, continue north to E 5th St.

18. Head west across Court St. Note another beautiful **Sycamore** on the SW corner where George Vause lived in the early 1900s. The Vause home and other early settlement houses in this area eventually gave way to the state office building and parking lot on the south side of E 5th St.
19. Walk west along 5th St toward Union St. Notice the row of **Norway Maples** on the south side of the street, between the sidewalk and the parking lot. Imagine how barren this street would look without these trees. And now imagine how much better the area would look (and feel in the summer) if the large parking lot were broken up by islands of large shady trees. Many old trees were cut down in the construction of this parking lot.
20. At the corner of 5th St and Union, turn left and cross Union St to walk through City Park with its shady mix of **Old Elm and Locust Trees, plus a few younger maples**.

Need a break? Enjoy the shady City Park, official end of the Oregon Trail, for a few minutes. Restrooms are available here from 8 AM – 8 PM during the summer.

21. Walk through the park and continue west on W 6th St. Pass Liberty St, and look for the basalt column on the north side of the W 6th St. Just beyond the basalt column is a very old and stately **White Oak Tree**.



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22. Just beyond the oak is a very old **Locust Tree**.

23. Turn left on Lincoln and head south toward W 7th St. On the northeast corner of W 7th St and Lincoln are two old **Silver Maples**.

24. Cross Lincoln St and head west on W 7th St. passing another **Weeping Birch** on the northwest corner of W 7th St and Lincoln.



25. At 309 W 7th St, to the west of the house, notice the large **Ash Tree**. We don't have many ash trees in the area, but the few we have will likely fall victim to the **emerald ash borer**, an accidentally introduced highly invasive beetle from Asia. The emerald ash borer has already destroyed tens of millions of ash trees in North America and efforts to stop its destruction have largely been unsuccessful. It has made its way to Oregon in recent years. The destruction it has caused in many places demonstrates the classic argument in favor of a diversity of tree species as our climate changes and pests or disease increasingly threaten certain species.

26. On the south side of the street in the parking strip in front of the historic Weigelt House, notice the row of **cherry trees**. They provide shade, beauty, and **delicious fruit in early July!**



27. Continue west on W 7th St. In front of 507 W 7th St is an unusual planting for this area – a **Himalayan Deodar Cedar Tree** on the east side of the house.

28. At 513 W 7th St, note another lovely maple and weeping birch, but also a **Horse Chestnut Tree** toward the back, the only one on our walking tour.

29. Continue straight toward Trevitt St and note the two large **Douglas fir trees**, one on each side of the street.

30. Turn left at Trevitt and W 7th St. and walk one block south. Look across the street to the northwest corner of Trevitt and W 8th (811 Trevitt St) to see the large **Mulberry Tree**. This tree has been measured and found to have the largest trunk diameter for this species in all of Oregon!



31. Turn around and walk back down the hill (north) on Trevitt St. Look to your left as you continue toward the historic Williams House and notice the large stump behind the house. Last summer we lost one of our grandest **ponderosa pine trees**. Bark beetle infestations, aided by climate change, have decimated our ponderosa population, most notably at Sorois Park. As you pass the Williams House, notice the huge **Western Red Cedar Tree** on the west side of the house. (see photo on left)

32. Continue across W 3rd Pl and turn right. At 524 W 3rd Pl, note the large **Magnolia Tree**. Some people colloquially call this a “tulip tree” for its large tulip shaped flowers early in the spring.

33. From here, look across the street on the hillside to see a mixed grove of tall old **ponderosa pines, spruce, locust, and white oak trees**. Many predate the house, built in the early 1900s.

34. Between 515 and 509 W 3rd Pl, notice the large **vine maple** in the front, and a **birch and locust trees** farther back. On the east side of 509 W 3rd Pl, look for the **Sweet Gum Tree** with its characteristic spikey seed pods on the sidewalk below.

35. At the Historic Patterson House (507 W 3rd Pl), see another **Douglas Fir** and an unusual **Weeping Spruce Tree**. This house lost a grand ancient fir last summer.

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36. Standing at 505 W 3rd Pl. Look across the street to see some tall **Douglas Fir, Cedar and Ponderosa Pine Trees**.

37. As you continue down W 3rd St., look across at 412 W 3rd PL. Notice the **White Oaks** on the hillside behind what locals call “the gingerbread house”, or Stadleman house.

38. Continue toward the intersection and notice the giant **Black Walnut Tree** just left of the sidewalk.

39. Stop at the intersection of W 3rd Pl and W 4th St. Look toward the footbridge that crosses Mill Creek and leads to Thompson Park. Notice the many trees, including **cottonwoods, elms, willows, and** several varieties of maple that line the riparian zone of the creek. These trees provide many important habitat requirements for fish and other wildlife in and around Mill Creek, as well as a wonderful refuge in the summer heat for us, too!

40. Cross the intersection and head east on W 4th St. On the corner is a large **Norway Maple Tree**.

41. As you continue east, notice the row of **Honey Locust Trees** that line the sidewalk, providing important shade for pedestrians and the office buildings in the summer. Well-places trees can reduce our energy costs.

42. Proceed east along W 4th St. on the north side and enjoy the majesty of the giant **American elm trees**.

- corner of Lincoln and West 4th Street (north side)
- 207 West 4th St
- In front of the Law Offices of Toole, Carter, Tissot, and Coats.

43. Continue east on W 4th St until you come to the parking lot of US Bank. Here you'll find several varieties of **crabapple trees**, which fill the parking lot with luscious color in the early spring and provide some shade during our hot summers.

Cross the street and you are back at The Dalles Art Center, your starting place.



We hope you've had a lovely walk, enjoying the beauty of our historical neighborhood and its older, unique trees, a wonderful gift from those who lived here in the past, for which we are grateful. Let's do the same for future generations.

Plant a tree and appreciate what it brings to the landscape: shade, beauty, clean air, cooler temperatures, and habitat for creatures of all kinds!

Did we miss another noteworthy tree, or mis-identify something on our list? Let us know at cityinfo@ci.the-dalles.or.us so we can continue to improve our walking tour.



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



- **“Tourist”** is a person who travels to a community away from their community of residence for business, pleasure, recreation or to participate in art, heritage or cultural events.
 - Requires travel of more than 50 miles; **or**
 - Includes an overnight stay
- **“Tourism promotion”**
 - Advertising, publicizing or distributing information attracting tourists;
 - Conducting strategic planning and research to stimulate future tourism development;
 - Operating tourism promotion agencies; and
 - Marketing special events and festivals designed to attract tourists
- **“Tourism promotion agency”** includes;
 - An incorporate nonprofit organization or governmental unit responsible for year-round tourism promotion of a destination.
 - A nonprofit entity that manages tourism-related economic development plans, programs, and projects
 - A regional or statewide association representing entities relying on tourism-related business for more than 50 percent of their income

- **“Visitor information center”** means a building, or a portion of a building, with the main purpose of distributing or disseminating information to tourists.
- **“Conference center”** means a facility that:
 - Is owned or partially owned by a unit of local government, a governmental agency or a nonprofit organization; **and**
 - Meets the current membership criteria of the International Association of Conference Centers.
- **“Convention center”** means a new or improved facility that:
 - Attracts & accommodates international, national and regional conventions and trade shows that require exhibition space, ballroom space, meeting rooms and more, including banquet facilities, loading areas and lobby registration areas;
 - Has a total meeting room and ballroom space between 1/3 and 1/2 the size of the center’s exhibition space;
 - Generates a majority of business income from tourists;
 - Has a room-block relationship with local lodging industry; **and**
 - Is owned by a unit of local government, a governmental agency or a nonprofit organization.