

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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**AGENDA**

**BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**

July 1, 2024

4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

VIA ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/j/95147361566?pwd=S2N6bnRSbHVqZkdwaFJlVkhVNFBZQT09>

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Approval of June 17, 2024 Beautification & Tree Minutes
5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Staff Liaison
7. ACTION ITEMS
8. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - A. Residential Tree Grant
9. ADJOURNMENT

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This meeting conducted Via ZOOM

Prepared by/  
Abigail Jara, Executive Assistant

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**CITY OF THE DALLES BEAUTIFICATION & TREE COMMITTEE**

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MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 17, 2024

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Janet Kavanagh

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debi Ferrer, Janet Kavanagh, John Nelson, Angel Drinkwine

ABSENT: Adam Rahmlow

Staff Liaison: Abby Jara, Staff Liaison

Also in attendance: Cindy Keever,

CALL TO ORDER

Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ferrer and seconded by Nelson to approve the June 3, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0; Ferrer, Nelson, Drinkwine, Kavanagh voting in favor; none opposed; Rahmlow absent

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## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

### Chuck Gomez, Granada Theater

Chuck Gomez, Granada Theater introduced himself and read his proposal to the committee. (see attached).

Kavanagh informed Gomez that they had previously attempted similar beautification efforts in downtown, but maintenance by the city was an issue. She expressed appreciation for the idea of potted plants maintained by local businesses. Additionally, she mentioned honoring downtown businesses with their Beautification Award.

Ferrer informed Gomez that during the City Council meeting, she distributed the committee's first walking tree tour, which identifies about 30 different species of trees and is available on the City website. She also suggested that Gomez join the BTC committee and offered to send a link for him to apply.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Second Saturday Cleanups

Ferrer said the June Saturday cleanup was cancelled and would like to discuss signing up for the following months to help with the cleanups.

- July-Kavanagh
- August- Nelson
- September- Ferrer
- October- Ferrer will ask Drinkwine if she can volunteer

### Residential Tree Grant Project

Ferrer provided an update on the green infrastructure grant, noting that it continues to be delayed. She received a notice from the department stating that the grant oversight committee will soon begin selecting recipients. A large board will start creating an application, which is expected to be ready by the end of July.

Additionally, she secured two other grants to help fund the development of a tree plan for the city, similar to an inventory. She proposed submitting the same grant application as last year with minor changes and new criteria. The committee discussed the criteria to include in the application.

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The committee discussed the timeline for making the application available to those interested in obtaining a residential tree. They also reviewed the process and criteria for prioritizing applicants for receiving a residential tree.

Ferrer said she will have a draft application for the next meeting for suggestions on the criterion.

The committee suggested they get a hold of Scott Baker at Parks and Rec. to donate a tree to one of their parks to use as a demonstration on how to properly plant the residential tree.

### Trevitt Sculpture

Trevitt sculpture is done.

Kavanagh confirmed the sculpture would be installed by David Mills, Transportation Manager at Public Works.

Nelson asked for a timeline on when it would be installed.

Keever suggested allowing a couple of weeks to accommodate the necessary preparations, such as checking for underground utilities. She mentioned that she would inform Mills to schedule the utility locates so they can proceed with installing the sculpture.

The committee will start to plant flowers until fall, since it's too hot right now.

## DISCUSSION

### Enhancing Pacific Coast Producers Fence

Ferrer asked for examples on ideas for Pacific Coast Producers to beautify their fencing. Jara will send to the committee.

The committee was trying to figure out what type of fencing it was in order to know what ideas they can give to beautify it.

Nelson suggested that a mural artist could spray paint various types of vegetation on the fence. If the company is unwilling to maintain the fence, this would be a good alternative.

Committee will send their ideas once they get an idea on how the fence looks like and some photos to inspire them for suggestions.

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Ferrer wanted to know if the city could ask the company to consider landscaping the area instead of leaving it as bare dirt.

The committee will take a walk and look at the fencing and will write a list and send it over for some ideas.

### Update from Mainstreet Meeting.

Kavanagh and Ferrer attended a Mainstreet meeting to provide updates on their current projects and explore potential collaboration opportunities.

They discussed having a drinking fountain downtown with a dog bowl and bike racks downtown.

The committee discussed plastic cigarette butt containers if BTC should donate containers and ask business owners to have in certain spots.

Nelson said there was discussion about cigarette plastic containers a few years ago in the minutes; Jara will look back at the minutes to find relevant information.

### Other Discussion

Keever asked the committee, Dave Anderson, Director of Public Works wanted to know what is the purpose of the Heritage Tree.

Kavanagh said one goal is to have a tour and mapped, like other cities. She also said to increase appreciation about their heritage and value it has.

Ferrer said it may also have a story behind the tree. She gave the example when Chuck Gomez, Granada Theater, gave his presentation earlier and mentioned there may be trees here since Lewis & Clark passed through. To attract tourism.

### Staff Liaison

Jara asked the committee if it would pose a long-term issue if a Heritage Tree were nominated but later needed to be removed due to safety concerns.

The committee answered no. The city is in charge.

Ferrer inquired if the city would first explore alternative options before deciding to remove the tree, while also acknowledging that safety concerns might necessitate its removal.

Next Meeting: July 1, 2024

Items for Next Meeting:

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ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

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Submitted by/  
Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Kavanagh, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abby Jara, Executive Assistant

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## ~DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION PROPOSAL~

Last Monday I presented a beautification suggestion to the Council for Downtown sidewalk enhancement. It is my suggestion and my wife's, Debra's, concept that if the City made \$1,000. grants available to downtown citizens (neighborhood homes too) The Dalles could get an exponentially enhancement of sidewalks, walkway, (and yards/parkways?) with potted plants, greens, small trees and flowers all up and down the downtown's sidewalks. This is our proposal to not only beautify our City but also to design additional tourism traffic, through the concept of walking & driving tours for out of area and local folks too.

The big benefit of a 'Greening' Grant would be cost saving to the City. The Dalles would NOT have to invest in designs, layouts, acquisitions, installation and maintenance as that would fall to the grant recipients. The grants would help in the purchase of needed pots and planters, plants, labor savings and a slight off set of increase of water bills for their maintenance.

A day does not go by when my wife and I are out on the sidewalk, caring for our flowers in front of the Granada Theatre that many many folks walking by comment on how lovely and pretty the flowers of the Granada are, to those who walk by to say the least.

Why not try and make flowering beauty a City wide concept!

Icicle Pansies in early Spring, Annuals and Perennials in late Spring/Summer and Fall, Mums in Fall, Evergreens in Winter. And so on---

Lets think outside the box, Flower Box that is, to beautiful our wonderful City.

***Next suggestion - The City with TREES OF THE AGES TOURS!***



**MAJOR OAK, Sherwood Forest 800-1,000 years old.**



**Survivor Tree at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum**





A Utah grove of quaking aspens known as the ***Trembling Giant***, or [Pando](#), is considered one of the world's oldest trees. Because the trees are genetically identical and share a single root system, researchers consider them a single clone rather than separate individuals. Although the precise age of the grove is unclear, it's [thought to date](#) to the end of the last Ice Age—about [11,700](#) years ago. At 107 acres, Pando is also considered one of the world's biggest organisms.



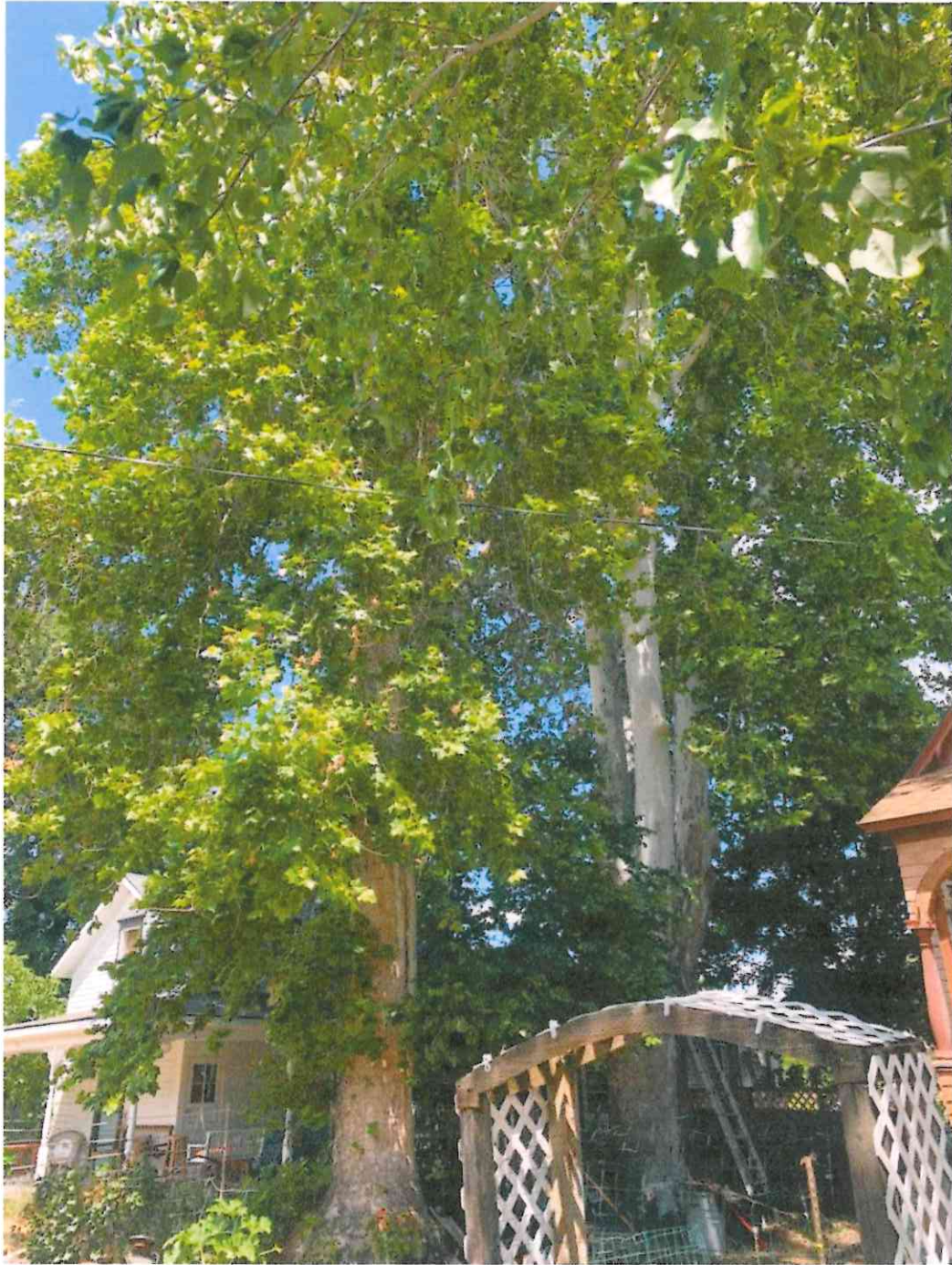
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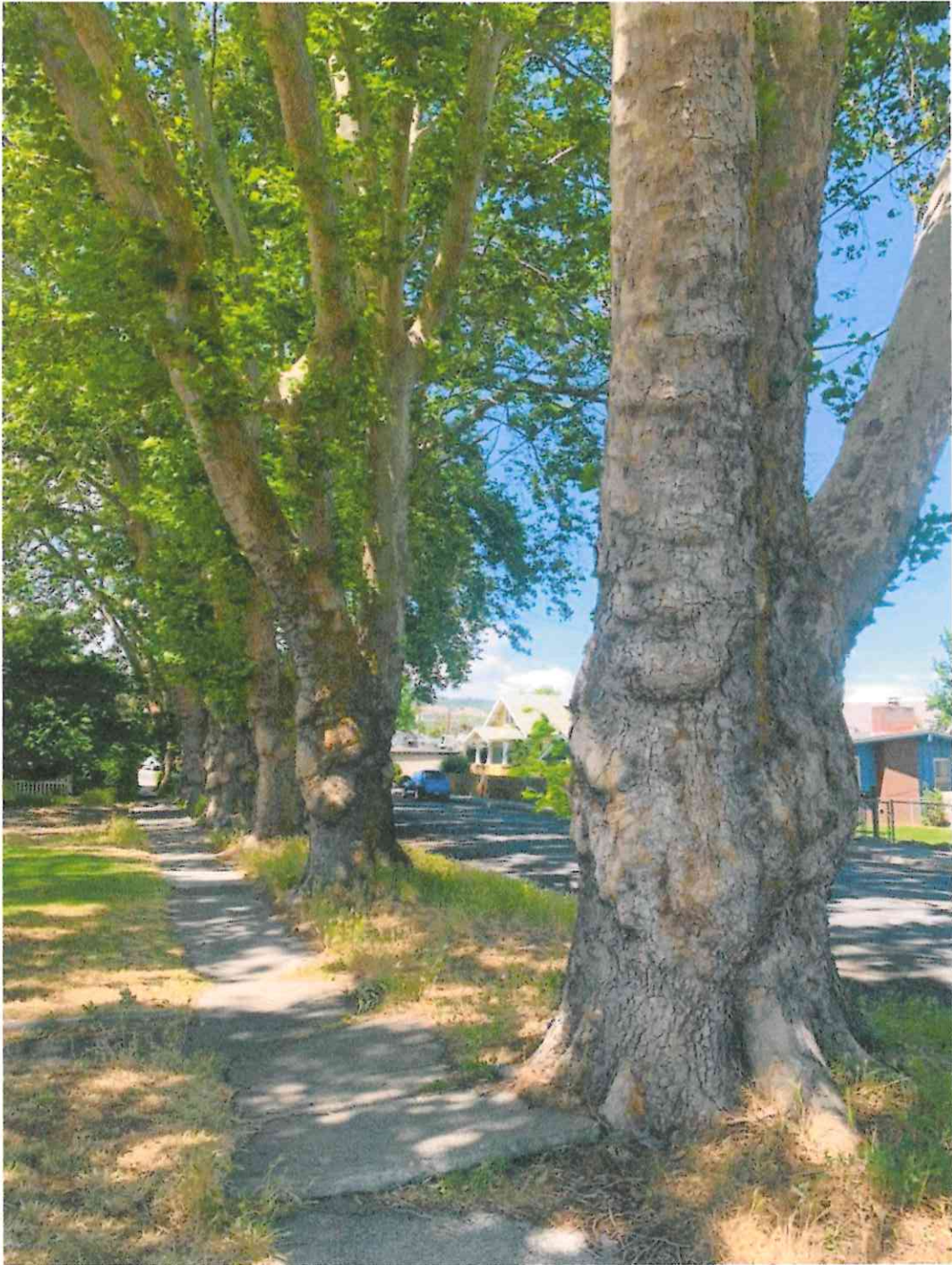
Twin Towers 8<sup>th</sup> and Kelly

# Lookout of the Gorge 12<sup>th</sup> & East of Kelly





## Corridor of the Giants 12<sup>th</sup> and Kelly



# Tree of Knowledge, Library.

