

MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 15, 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: Mike Kassinger, Facilities Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Abigail 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 presented. The motion carried 4 to 0: Ferrer, Nelson, Drinkwine, Kavanagh voting in favor; none opposed; Rahmlow absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Ferrer to approve the July 1, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0; Nelson, Ferrer, Drinkwine, Kavanagh voting in favor; none opposed; Rahmlow absent

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chuck Gomez, Owner of Granada Theater, attended the Beautification & Tree Committee (BTC) meeting to observe.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Update on Trevitt Sculpture

Committee members reported they had met with David Mills, Transportation Manager, at the Trevitt triangle to see where the sculpture will be placed.

Kavanagh said Mills will be installing the sculpture in the first week of August.

Gomez asked about the Trevitt Sculpture.

Kavanagh said it's similar to the sculpture at Kelly and 12th Street. The Trevitt triangle sculpture was stolen, and BTC members are working with CGCC to fabricate a new, securely based one.

The committee discussed sculpture measurements.

Wasco Co. Heritage Tree Nominations

Kavanagh said she tried to contact, Scott Susi, Conservation Planner for Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District regarding a potential Heritage Tree nominee.

Ferrer mentioned a White Oak tree west of Rowena lookout, between Dell Road and Marsh Cut Off Road, as noted by Susi, and potentially nominate it for the state Heritage Tree program.

Kavanagh mentioned an OSU survey that discovered the largest Mulberry tree in the Pacific Northwest at a Victorian home on Trevitt.

Nelson asked if there was a deadline to nominate Heritage Trees.

Kavanagh said no deadline.

Residential Tree Suggestion Email

Kavanagh received an email from constituent Shayna Rae with suggestions to help the trees (see attached). She also referenced her published letter from last year about the drought's impact on trees, reminding residents to water them.

Ferrer observed bump outs in Joseph, Oregon, marked by yellow stripes and extended curbs, enhancing pedestrian safety. She is interested in similar bump outs in The Dalles for art, sculptures, and planters, noting each one in Joseph was uniquely adopted by businesses. She wants to keep this on their radar.

Jara will email an updated version of the letter to last year's recipients.

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Kavanagh will draft a new introduction and Jara will email the updated version of the drought impact on trees letter to last year's tree grant recipients.

Committee Chair Update

Kavanagh announced she will be stepping down as chair but would still stay on the committee.

Jara will find out when the next election for chair will be.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Tree Grant Application

Ferrer received a response from the City Attorney regarding the Tree Grant application. He suggested a minor change before being finalized.

The Committee discussed changes to the tree grant program and how it will tie into the Green Infrastructure grant guidelines.

Ferrer mentioned a program that will help the committee create a tree canopy map. The committee discussed the benefits of having a tree canopy map.

Ferrer gave updates on grant requirements:

- The green infrastructure grant requires working with an Oregon nursery certified by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
- Sara from LMNS discussed the current tree list, containing nine species, with the committee, which reviewed the pros and cons of each.

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

DISCUSSION

Tree Grant Application Publication

Committee discussed different ways for residents to access the Tree Grant Application, paper and electronic form.

Additional Updates

Keever updated the committee about the welcome signs, located at the fish bridge and the roundabout, stating they will be installed by the end of July.

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Jara informed the committee about Local Government Academy (LGA). (See attached).

Next Meeting: August 5, 2024

Items for Next Meeting:

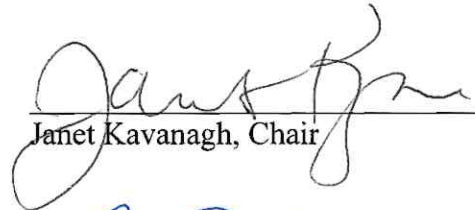
ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Submitted by/

Abigail Jara, Executive Assistant

SIGNED:


Janet Kavanagh, Chair

ATTEST:


Abigail Jara, Executive Assistant

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