



## MINUTES

### Coburg Parks | Tree Committee

City Hall, 91136 N. Willamette

April 19, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Mosier, Chair; Tom Beatty, Vice Chair; Coleen Marshall, Karen Coury, Lonna Meston.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Claire Smith, Joe Morneau.

**GUESTS:** Emily Forsha, Travel Lane County.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Harmon.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Mosier opened the Park & Tree Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Mr. Harmon called roll. A quorum was present.

#### 3. Agenda Review

Chair Mosier said that an agenda item about tree removal at Booth Kelly Park.

#### 4. City Updates/City Administrator Report

#### 5. Approve Minutes from March 15<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Beatty noted that on page 3, the minutes said, "Mr. Harmon said they had to figure out how the tree would be paid for. Mr. Beatty stated that the Grange would pay for it." He did not remember saying that the Grange would pay for the tree. Mr. Harmon also did not remember that being said. He thought that Mr. Morneau might have talked about how the Grange had money the John Bosley Tree which had not yet been given. Remove the statement from the minutes.

Ms. Coury wanted more information on the ash trees that the minutes referenced being planted. Mr. Harmon said that those trees would not be planted in a park. They were part of an environmental project. He said that instead of "East side" the minutes should say "East ditch muddy creek".

Ms. Marshall noticed some grammatical errors. On the first page the minutes said, "Chair Moser said that she would add Terry's item to the agenda and put have it as their first Committee Business item". The word "put" should be deleted. Also on the first page, Teri Kohley's name was misspelled a few times.

Chair Mosier wanted it clarified in the minutes under the Report to City Council agenda item that the report was included in "their packets". "Their" being each City Council member.

**MOTION:** Ms. Marshall moved, seconded by Ms. Coury, to approve the March 15, 2022, Park & Tree Committee meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed – 5:0.

## 6. Committee Business

- Heritage Plaque Donation

Emily Forsha, with Travel Lane County, was there to talk to the Committee about the World Athletics Championship Oregon22. She said that it was the first time the event would be held in the United States. They were working with the Museum of World Athletics on creating a legacy program called the Oregon22 Heritage Trail. They wanted to place plaques commemorating 22 track and field athletes who medaled in the sport who were connected to Oregon all around the State. They had one plaque they wanted to place in Coburg for Annette Peters. Ms. Forsha had a draft of the plaque with her if the Committee wanted to look at it. She had gone with Mr. Harmon to look at a placement in Pavilion Park near the bike hub.

- Arbor Day Plan

Mr. Harmon said that he had taken some time off over the last few weeks because of a personal situation. As a result, he had not been able to contact the school to get the kids to help plant trees. Instead, they would plant the two red oaks themselves next week at Norma Pfeiffer Park. Mr. Harmon said that in 2023 they would reach out to the charter school.

Chair Mosier asked if there were trees in Norma Pfeiffer that had to be taken out. Mr. Beatty said that they could plant the red oaks without having to take out the white furs. He mentioned that the white furs were showing their age and should be removed. Ms. Marshall noted that before Mr. Harmon had joined staff the white furs had been marked for removal. Mr. Harmon said that on April 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. they would start work on removing the white furs.

Mr. Beatty wondered if there was anything that could be done with the trunks of the white furs. He did not like to waste the wood. He thought it would be nice if they could get benches made from the wood.

- Pickle Ball Court Plan Update

Mr. Harmon reminded the Committee that they had been talking about converting half of the basketball court into a pickle ball court. He went to check the size of the court and found that they would need the whole concrete area for one pickle ball court. Mr. Harmon suggested they keep the two basketball hoops and add a net to the middle of the court. To make the court

useable they would need to resurface the concrete. The City and the Committee both had capital funds available that they could use. He did not yet know how much it would cost.

From what he had heard, it seemed to Mr. Harmon that more people would use the pickle ball court than currently used the basketball court.

Mr. Harmon said that the capital funds could also be used to remove six inches of the lawn in Johnny Diamond Park and reseed the area. There had been issues with standing water in that park. He stated that it was possible to fund the park reseeding and the pickle ball court. Staff wanted at least one of the projects to get done that year.

Chair Mosier inquired into if the new concrete would still be useable as a basketball court. Mr. Harmon replied that the concrete would be useable for basketball, pickle ball, and tennis.

Mr. Harmon said that a decision did not need to be made that night. He would figure out the costs of each project and bring those with him to the next meeting.

Chair Mosier asked if they could add a pickle ball court at Coburg Creek. Mr. Harmon thought that was a great idea and something they should look into.

Mr. Beatty wanted to know if redoing the concrete would also benefit the basketball court. Mr. Harmon replied that it was a win for both basketball and pickle ball.

- Upcoming Work Party Date & Location

Ms. Marshall noted that the last work party at Jacob Spores Park went well. They pulled weeds and put new mulch chips around the trees. She estimated that they worked for two hours. They still had to plant the flowers.

Ms. Marshall said that there was an area at Norma Pfeiffer Park that needed a lot of work.

Chair Mosier stated they would meet at 9:00 a.m. on May 16, 2022, at Norma Pfeiffer Park.

- Coburg Creek Subdivision Park Sub Committee

Ms. Marshall noted that they still did not have the dimensions for the park area of the subdivision. Chair Mosier wanted Mr. Harmon to talk to the developers about not parking vehicles in the area where the park would be because it can damage the soil. Mr. Harmon understood and would let them know. He would also come back to the Committee with dimensions for the park.

- Tree Removal at Booth Kelly Park

Chair Mosier asked if there were any updates on removing the wood from the trees that were cut down at Booth Kelly Park. Mr. Harmon replied that there were no updates. He said they would try and remove most of the wood at some point. It was hard to get back in that area, but they would do their best.

Mr. Harmon shared that the frames for the historical signs were being made. They should be mounted in the next couple weeks.

**7. Adjournment**

Chair Mosier adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Lydia Dysart)*

APPROVED by Park & Tree Committee on this \_\_\_ day of May 2022.

ATTEST:

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Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder

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Mary Mosier, Chair

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