



MINUTES

Coburg Parks | Tree Committee

City Hall, 91136 N. Willamette

August 16th, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mary Mosier (6:15), Vice Chair Tom Beatty, Lonna Meston, Claire Smith, Joe Morneau

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Coleen Marshall, Karen Coury

GUESTS: Tracey Pugh, Coburg Main Street

STAFF: Public Works Director Brian Harmon

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Beatty opened the Parks | Tree Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Public Works Director Brian Harmon called roll. A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA REVIEW | Approve Minutes from July 19, 2022

Ms. Smith requested that the second sentence of the second page be amended to read “mural project” rather than just “murals.”

MOTION: Mr. Morneau moved to approve the July 19th minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Meston. The motion passed - 4:0:0.

4. City Updates/City Administrator Report

As the reports had not been included in the Committee packets, the agenda item was shelved.

5. Committee Business

- Pickle Ball Court Update

Mr. Harmon reported that the court had arrived. He expressed concerns about the anticipated difficulty of removing it to accommodate future events.

The Committee discussed various relocation possibilities in the event that the pickle ball court interfered with use of the basketball court or community events. The consensus was that the

Committee would monitor the use of the court and community feedback to see if changes were needed.

- Upcoming Work Party Dates & Locations

Vice Chair Beatty reported that he and Ms. Marshall had cleaned around the trees and flower bed at Jacob Spores Park and removed dead wood from around the maple trees down the bike path. He noted that they had been joined by a new volunteer, Lisa Vanwinkle.

Vice Chair Beatty said that Ms. Marshall had wondered if a work party update/call for volunteers should be added to the I Love Coburg Facebook page. Ms. Smith asked Ms. Pough if such an update could be added to the Main Street webpage, as well. Ms. Pough responded favorably.

The purchase of sandwich boards was discussed.

Chair Mosier joined the meeting.

Vice Chair Beatty reported that the plantings at Trail's End had been flagged and that the new hire at Public Works had been advised not to mow in the marked areas.

A work party was scheduled to meet on September 12th at 8:00 am at Booth Kelly Trailhead.

- Coburg Creek Subdivision Park Sub Committee

Vice Chair Beatty reported that the project remained on hold.

- Artwork for Norma Pfeiffer Park Restrooms

Coburg Main Street Coordinator Tracey Pough reported that she had met with the Main Street Executive Committee, who were in favor of moving forward with the tree mural. The Art Committee was designing a survey for public input on the proposed design.

As the approval process was unclear, after some discussion, a set of steps was roughly established for the Art Committee to present a proposed mural to the Parks | Tree Committee:

- Present a proposed mural location to the Committee for input on themes
- Work with artists to mock up designs
- Post/advertise the proposed designs in various forums for public input
- Review public input and choose a design
- Submit a donation form
- Bring the selected design before the Committee for recommendation to Council
- Present to City Council

- September Recess

It was reestablished that the Committee would recess in September.

- Tree Walk with Tom August 6th Recap

Vice Chair Beatty shared that the Tree Walk in Norma Pfeiffer Park on August 6th, presented by Whitey Lueck, was a success. He noted that Mr. Lueck was very knowledgeable about the history of Coburg and its trees.

Mention was made of the Douglas Fir located in a church parking lot. Ms. Meston suggested placing the history of the tree somewhere in its vicinity.

Vice Chair Beatty related that the Big Leaf Maples, planted 150 years ago, were nearing the end of their life expectancy and that thought should be given to how to address their inevitable removal. It was also pointed out that tree topping was a bad practice which caused rot.

Ms. Smith suggested inviting Mr. Lueck to do a Tree Walk for school children. Chair Mosier said that he seemed disinclined to work with kids but was willing to do a walk with Coburg residents.

Vice Chair Beatty was asked to write a paragraph or two about Coburg's historic trees and tree donation for the October Newsletter. Mr. Morneau noted that the deadline for submission was October 15th.

- Veterans' Memorial

Mr. Harmon said that the \$5,000 budget was not enough. He explained that there was a \$50,000 surplus that needed to be spent and that it could be applied to the Memorial. He recommended bumping the cap for the preliminary design to \$20,000 and using the remaining \$30,000 as matching funds for the grant.

Chair Mosier wondered if the design needed to be adjusted to include the Space Force. After discussion, it was decided to shelve the topic.

Mr. Harmon noted that McKenzie Street would be completed by the October meeting.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Morneau moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion passed - 5:0:0.

Vice Chair Beatty adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Angela Kern)

APPROVED by the Park & Tree Committee on this ____ day of _____ 2022.

ATTEST:

Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder

Mary Mosier, Chair