



CITY OF SWEET HOME PARKS AND TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 15, 2023, 8:30 AM
Santiam Conference Room
3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386

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Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Meeting Information

The City of Sweet Home is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. There will be opportunity for public input via the live stream. To view the meeting live, online visit <http://live.sweethomeor.gov>. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 971-203-2871, choose option #1 and enter the meeting ID to be logged in to the call. Meeting ID: #278 852 022 483

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting started at 8:31.

Roll Call of Park and Tree Committee Members:

PRESENT

Matthew Bechtel

Lena Tucker

Bob Dalton

Debra Northern (video)

Nancy Patton

ABSENT

Wally Shreves, Josh Marvin

GUESTS

Elizabeth Auvil

Colin McArthur

STAFF

Blair Larsen, Community and Economic Development Director

The location of the meeting is accessible to the disabled. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, advanced notice is requested by notifying the City Manager's Office at 541-367-8969.

Diane Golden, Associate Planner

Angela Clegg, Tourism and Economic Development Coordinator

Greg Springman, Public Works Director

Time Reports

Nancy Patton turned in her time report to Diane.

Public Comment. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Park and Tree Committee on topics that are not listed on the agenda.

None.

New Business

Master Parks Plan Presentation

a) Cameron McCarthy Parks System Plan Presentation

Elizabeth Auvil and Colin McArthur represented the Cameron McCarthy Parks System Plan Presentation, as well as hosted a question and answer session for the Park and Tree Committee. Results showed community need for trails, splash pads, skate parks, and parks on the east side of town.

Shreves and Patton brought up funding and staff growth as a resulting need of these features being implemented. Larsen informed the committee of several grant opportunities that may help. Larsen also brought up bringing in East Linn Museum displays to help tie in local appeal and Sweet Home history.

Larsen mentioned Andrew Wiley Park and connecting a trail or pedestrian bridge to it to help draw in access to parks on the east side of Sweet Home.

Auvil and McArthur presented possible challenges to the Park and Tree committee. Patton addressed money concerns and connecting parks to houses and neighborhoods.

Patton brought up the new subdivisions coming in and encouraging the private companies to build a park. Larsen said the new Samaritan Hospital could be worked with to create a landscaped park.

Trask and Shreves discussed the need for signage along Main Street to the existing parks in Sweet Home.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55.

The Sweet Home Park and Tree Committee welcomes your interest in these agenda items. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this agenda includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting; however, the Committee may consider additional subjects as well. This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend.

If you have questions, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 367-8113.

SHMC 1.10 CITY COMMITTEES

§ 2.10.050 POWERS AND DUTIES.

A. Park and Tree Committee. The powers and duties of the Park And Tree Committee shall be as follows:

1. To conduct an inventory of existing street trees, including historical trees and public properties in need of beautification and plantings and present a written report to the City Council of its findings;
2. To develop and recommend to the City Council, for its adoption, a master list of trees suitable for planting within the city. The list shall be reviewed annually, a copy of which shall be kept on file in the office of the City Recorder for public information;
3. To develop and recommend to the City Council, for its adoption, ordinances and policies for the planting, care, maintenance, replacement and protection of trees throughout the city;
4. To act in an advisory capacity to the Planning Commission with respect to landscape design, suitable plantings, protection of natural vegetation and street tree requirements;
5. To submit recommendations to the City Council regarding the beautification of public properties and rights-of-way;
6. To promote public knowledge and acceptance of the value of tree planting and maintenance programs and requirements;
7. To develop a capital development program for each fiscal year, to include acquisition of new land and/or development of existing property for parks and other recreation areas;
8. To recommend recreation programing needs to be produced by the city;
9. To recommend an operating budget to carry out the recreation program as outlined for the forthcoming fiscal year; and
10. To preform additional duties and studies as may be required from time to time by the City Council.
11. To meet a minimum of four meetings a year, beginning with the month of December, which meeting should be devoted to the development of the next year's capital and recreation programs.

(Ord. 1263, § 1, 2017)