



CITY OF SWEET HOME PARKS AND TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 16, 2022, 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

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Roll Call of Park and Tree Committee Members:

PRESENT

Wally Shreves
Bob Dalton
Nancy Patton
Debra Northern
Lena Tucker
Councilor Trask

ABSENT

Nanci Curtis

STAFF

Associate Planner, Angela Clegg
Community and Economic Development Director, Blair Larsen
Finance Director, Brandon Neish
Communications Specialist/PIO, Lagea Mull
Public Works Director, Greg Springman
Public Works Operation Manager, Dominic Valloni
Crew Lead: Facilities and Parks, Sean Hegge

Time Reports

None

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- a) 2022-01-19 Park and Tree Committee Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Patton, Seconded by Tucker.
Voting Yea: Shreves, Dalton, Patton, Northern, and Tucker

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

Old Business

Beautification Committee Updates

Weddle Bridge Maintenance and Funding Update

Arbor Day Celebration - events and media

Beautification Committee Updates: Dalton updated the Committee. They ordered 1,400 plants to be delivered and planted starting on May 10th. They would like to put baskets in Sankey Park: They would like to put holders on the lights poles. There was a question as to how the baskets would get watered. The committee is looking for more volunteers.

Weddle Bridge Maintenance Funding Update: Springman gave an update on his research and expressed his concerns about Weddle Bridge. Springman wants to make the bridge a project and funding priority. There was discussion between staff and the Committee regarding the Stayton bridge process. Staff and the Committee discussed the issues with Weddle Bridge and steps to move forward. Neish gave an update on the security measures and the proposed camera installation at Sankey Park. Springman will continue to research and gather information. Staff discussed the process of communicating the bridge issues and needs to the public. Mull discussed communication options with the Committee. They discussed the solicitation of donations and getting the school district involved in the bridge improvement and repair process. The Committee gave staff direction to post signs in Sankey Park to assist with enforcement of bridge rules. Mull and Larsen discussed outreach and communication options with the Committee.

Arbor Day Celebration: Clegg updated the Committee on possible plant vendor and/or sales during the event. Clegg asked the committee to chose the variety of trees that they would like to plant so they can be ordered. There was discussion about neighborhood outreach. Mull stated that she would reach out to the neighborhood, design posters, and reach out to media outlets. The committee chose to purchase 2 Autumn Flame trees and 1 Rocky Mountain Glow tree. Motion to approve the tree selection was made by Dalton, Seconded by Tucker. Voting Yea: Shreves, Dalton, Patton, Northern and Tucker. The Committee directed Clegg to contact nurseries and get the trees ordered. There was discussion about irrigation placement. April 23rd at 1:00 PM was confirmed as the Arbor Day event date and time. There was discussion about contacting vendors to sell plants at the event. Public Works will prep Evergreen Park for the tree planting. City staff and the Committee will set up chairs at the event. The Committee would like to invite the Mayor and City Council.

New Business

Tree Removal on Long Street

Tree Removal on Long Street: A property owner asked to remove a tree in the public right-of-way, abutting his property. The tree has buckled the sidewalk and is in the location that he would like to install water meters. Tucker stated that when she did the tree inventory she noted that the subject tree should be removed. She also noted that the tree to the west and the one to east also need to come out. Staff and the Committee had a discussion about not replacing any street trees until the Streetscape plan is adopted. The Committee would like to tie any future tree plantings to the Streetscape plan. The property owner will need to obtain a right-of-permit for the tree removal. Motion to approve the tree removal at 1304 Long Street made by Tucker, Seconded by Dalton. Voting Yea: Shreves, Dalton, Patton, Northern and Tucker.

Round Table Discussions (Committee comments about topics not listed on the agenda)

Sankey Park: Springman reported to the Committee that the center bars on new benches are getting vandalized. There was discussion on deterring and repairing the vandalism.

Ashbrook Park: Valloni informed the Committee that there are 4 trees at Ashbrook Park that need to be removed due to damage or disease. He asked the committee about the variety of trees that they would

like to replace the removed trees with. Tucker will complete a tree inventory at Ashbrook and will report back at the March meeting. Staff and the Committee discussed communication to the community regarding tree removal.

Northside Park: Clegg asked the Committee to review the email that Dalton sent to staff regarding his walk through at Northside Park. Shreves asked the Committee to visit Northside Park. The Committee will continue the discussion at the March meeting.

Dahlenburg Bridge: Larsen discussed recent staff conversations regarding the bridge. Larsen asked the Committee to discuss a future location for the bridge. He gave some location options. Shreves asked Public Works about the logistics of moving the bridge. There was further discussion about the location. Larsen told the Committee that staff will do more research about the various locations and logistics and report back to the Committee. Springman stated that he feels the bridge should be moved to a secure location until a final location is decided on. Shreves asked that the discussion continue at the March meeting.

Pleasant Valley Boat Ramp / Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Closure: Springman gave an update of the WWTP project. He expressed the need to shut down the road and boat ramp during the construction for safety and equipment storage. Staff discussed the need to communicate the closure to the public and how that will be done. There was a discussion about using Northside Park as a take-out location while the boat ramp is closed down. Staff will research the use of Northside Park, will contact the Corp of Engineers about the use of the river bank at the park, and will report back to the Committee at the March meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM

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.