

**Oregon Heritage Tree Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, January 11, 2019**  
**1:00 pm**  
**TIC Offices**  
1500 Liberty St. SE, Suite 150, Salem OR 97302

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**Committee Participants:**

Jennifer Karps, Chair	Arne Nyberg	Charlotte Lehan
Kristin Ramstad, Vice-Chair	Molly McKnight	Nancy Appling-Salucci
Ed Washington	Al Tocchini	Samantha Wolf
Craig Leech	David Hedburg	

**Staff Participants:**

Annie von Domitz, Jessica Carbone, Jim Denno

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**Convening:** Chair Karps called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Self-introductions were made to note attendance for the meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Leech moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Tocchini seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Heritage Tree Nominations:**

**Willamette River Cable Trees:** Lehan presented a nomination for a set of trees, a black cottonwood and Douglas-fir that tell the story of the log rafts that once covered the Willamette as they waited for access to the sawmills and pulp mills. The logging industry was/is an important part of the Oregon economy. The story includes the loggers who harvested the logs and sent them to the river to be turned into rafts, the men who walked them, the land owners who leased out their river banks, and the captains who navigated the rafts down the river and through the locks. The two trees that Lehan nominated are in Memorial Park, Wilsonville. They are within 1000ft of each other and are accessible anytime during daylight hours. The Douglas-fir that exhibits deep scars left by a cable removed about five years ago. The cottonwood still has buried cable protruding from the tree.

*Nyberg moved to include the Willamette River Cable Trees, the Cottonwood and Douglas Fir, into the 2019 class of Heritage Trees. Washington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**McMinnville Sequoia:** Von Domitz said that no new information has been found. *The nomination has been put on hold until the nominator can come forward with new information.*

**Cy Bingham Tree at Odell Lake:** Von Domitz said she will reach out the Forest Service after the current winter weather and re-opening of the Federal Government will allow more information to be gathered. *The nomination will remain tabled.*

**Maynard Drawson Award:** Von Domitz said that she has not received any nominations. Nominations can be accepted until January 26th.

**Old Business:**

**Owner Outreach/ Tree Health Check:** Von Domitz handed out a complete roster of all the trees in the program. She asked committee members to look through and select the trees they would be able to visit before the next meeting to check on the tree's over health and its current owners. All collected information will be added to the data base. She also said she has been in contact with new owners of the Witness Tree Vineyard. They reported the tree is in good health.

**English Walnut Industry:** Lehan has taken pictures and will continue will do further research to bring a nomination to the committee for the next meeting.

**Grove of the States:** Von Domitz said that Friends of Trees replaced two dead White Pine trees and were able to find a Western Hemlock. The only tree remaining to find is a Palm tree.

**Updates & Reports/New Business:**

- a) **TIC/ Council Report:** Washington said the agency is financially sound. The acquisition of the new rest areas is going well. Council has decided to discontinue the use of its business name Oregon Travel Experience/OTE and will only use Travel Information Council.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Appling suggesting striving to find nominations in eastern Oregon for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oregon Heritage Tree Program. She suggested reaching local historical societies.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- April 5 – TBA
- July - TBA
- October - TBA

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.