

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 26, 2019
1:00 pm
Hoyt Arboretum
4000 SW Fairview Blvd, Portland, OR 97221

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 Hedberg	

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz, Jessica Carbone, Jim Denno

Convening: Chair Karps called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Self-introductions were made to note attendance for the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: Wolf moved to accept the January 11, 2019 minutes as submitted. Karps seconded the motion. The motion carried. Appling abstained.

Officer Elections:

Washington made a motion to elect Kristin Ramstad as committee Chair and Samantha Wolf as Vice-Chair and to approve the new three-year committee terms for Charlotte Lehan and Molly McKnight. Appling seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Heritage Tree Nominations:

Cy Bingham Tree at Odell Lake: Von Domitz said she received an email from the U.S. Forest Service this morning. Someone from the forest service was able to go check on the tree earlier this month, but the District Ranger wanted to check on the tree himself before making any decisions. He is going to make the trip today. Once von Domitz receives the assessment she will send it out to the committee.

Old Business:

Owner Outreach/ Tree Health Check: Von Domitz thanked Appling for completing a large amount of assessments. She encouraged the other committee members to complete their assessments and let her know if they were able to reach the land owners.

Appling reported that the filbert orchard at Doris Ranch is being affected by an eastern blight. They are currently fundraising to replace all their trees.

Ramstad asked how information is updated when a tree changes from the original nomination. She recommended updating information such as damage or replacement be done on the website.

Grove of the States Update: Von Domitz said that the pathways have been completed. All the remaining signs are scheduled to be installed in late August. One pine is still growing in Ramstad's back yard until it is large

enough to plant. There is still a search going for a palm tree. Von Domitz asked the committee reach out to any possible contacts to find one available.

Diversity and Inclusion Training: Carbone said that is now a requirement for all committee members to take a Diversity/ Respectful workplace training. She sent an email with a link to a Google Drive folder that contains a video of the training. Once the members have watched the video, they need to send an email saying they have completed watching the training and the date they completed it.

Reports from Members:

Von Domitz asked Tocchini and Leech to visit the wood from the Hines Walnut to plan on its future use. She then asked the committee if they would be interested forming a subcommittee to discuss and plan using the wood from former heritage trees to create a gift for the State Capital. Tocchini, Nyberg and Leech volunteered to be on the committee.

Ramstad informed the committee that a former member of OCT took professional quality photos of at least 12 of the heritage for a calendar. She said would be happy to reach out to him, if there is a desire to obtain copies.

Leech gave a report on several trees at the capitol. He said one of the Camper Down Elms died and has been removed. The second elm has a dead top. There was a new tree planted in the park at the capitol to honor Senator Winters. The findings of the DAS report on the underground garage show that that the cherry trees will not have to be removed.

Ramstad said that a survivor of the Hiroshima bombing has created a foundation to plant seeds from plants (Ginko, Persimion) that survived the bombing. They are reaching out to tree organizations to see if they would be interested in planting and caring for these trees. It is also requested the trees be planted in a ceremony in 2020 with some sort of recognition of the story of the tree.

Lehan said she is still interested in finding a heritage tree that was planted and cultivated for its medical purposes. She also said a new interpretive panel by the City of Wilsonville at the site of the Cable trees should be completed by the end of August.

Von Domitz requested that an announcement for nominations for the Maynard Dawson Award be put into the OTC newsletter.

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 1, 2019 at 1:00pm at the City Hall in Wilsonville.
- January 24, 2020 at 1:00pm TIC offices.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.