

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 24, 2020
1:00 pm
TIC Offices
1500 Liberty St. SE, Suite 150, Salem, OR 97302

Committee Participants:

Chair Kristin Ramstad, Vice-Chair Samantha Wolf, David Hedberg, Nancy Appling-Salucci, Craig Leech, Charlotte Lehan, Molly McKnight, Al Tocchini, Ed Washington,

Excused: Jennifer Karps; Arne Nyberg

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz, Jessica Carbone, Jim Denno

Convening: Chair Ramstad called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Self-introductions were made to note attendance for the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: Tocchini moved to accept the November 1, 2019 minutes as submitted. McKnight seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Heritage Tree Nominations:

Eddyville Sequoia: The committee reviewed the submitted application. There was a discussion of the tree's statewide significance. Hedberg suggested that the tree could be a connection to the underrepresented story of the homesteading of the Oregon Coast. McKnight made note of the tree's possible connection to railroad history. They discussed the tree's location near a road and railroad tracks, its impact on the tree's growth and if the tree's location to these affects its ownership. Tocchini will visit the tree to verify its location, where it is in the right of way and check its overall health. After Tocchini visits, von Domitz will ask the nominator to provide additional resource material.

Appling made a motion to table the nomination until Tocchini visits the tree and additional information has been received. Leech seconded. The motion carried.

PSU Copper Beach: - Application not received in time for the meeting.

Old Business:

Drawson Award: Ramstad said that one nomination has been received. A subcommittee to review the nomination includes McKnight, Wolf, and Hedberg. They will report back to the committee about their recommendations to accept the nomination or not. The committee discussed presenting the award at the Urban and Community Trees Conference. The conference is on the first Thursday in June.

Nyberg Chestnut: ODOT will be removing the Nyberg Chestnut this spring. Staff will connect Leech with the contact at ODOT to start the discussions about salvaging the wood from the tree.

Grove of the States: Ramstad said the two pine trees she had been caring for in her back yard are ready to be planted. Annie will schedule a time to plant the tree in the next couple of months.

Updates & Reports/ New Business:

TIC/Council Report: Washington said the Council has three new Council Members; Julie Brown - a representative from the Oregon Transportation Commission; Valerie Warren and Eliza Canty-Jones. Denno said that lots of great work is being done in the rest areas as staff focuses on capital improvements.

Reports from Members:

Von Domitz said that during the ODA conference in Sunriver she was approached by two different tourist/destination magazines interested in doing stories about different Heritage Trees. She also was able to talk to Kristin Dollarhide at Travel Pendelton about McKnight's interest in the grove of trees next to the Roundup. Kristin would be glad to help find McKnight the right contacts for further research.

Appling said the Owen Cherry Tree Plaque has finally be installed by the City ofEugene.

Tocchini was informed that the Lonesome Hickory may be gone. Appling will investigate it on her way home and will get back to the committee.

Leech said that two of the Camperdown Elms at the Capital are in good health, one has died and one has been in trimmed back in an effort to save it.

Hedberg said he is working with Washington on the PSU Copperbeach nomination. He is also working on a nomination of an apple orchard at the Bybee-Howell house. Theapple tree varieties there have been collected and saved from homesteads around the state.

Wolf said Oregon Community Trees (OCT) is working toward making Arbor Week official in Oregon. OCT's next conference is June 4, 2020. She welcomed any possible presenters who would like to talk about "Trees and Water".

Ramstad gave the background of Peace Tree Story. 2020 is the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Seeds of trees that survived the bombing will be planted by 36 organizations including 28 cities in Oregon in promotion of peace. Oregon will have the largest collection of these peace trees.

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 10, 2020 -2:00pm, Murase Plaza Park, Wilsonville, OR (Statewide Dedication)
- July 17, 2020 – ODF Salem, OR
- October 16, 2020 - TBD

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.