

# Oregon Heritage Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, August 7, 2020

**Committee Participants:** Chair Kristin Ramstad, Vice-Chair Samantha Wolf, Nancy Appling-Salucci, Craig Leech, Charlotte Lehan, Molly McKnight, Arne Nyberg, Nate Pedersen, Al Tocchini, Ed Washington

**Excused:** David Hedberg, Jennifer Karps

**Staff Participants:** Annie von Domitz; Jessica Carbone; Jim Denno

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**Call to Order/ Introductions:** Ramstad called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

**Approval of the Minutes:** *Ramstad suggested correcting "community tree interface project" to "community tree inventory project". Appling made a motion to approve the June 1, 2020 minutes as corrected. Lehan seconded the motion. McKnight abstained. The motion carried.*

**Elections:** Lehan moved to approve the proposed slate of nominees; Kristin Ramstad as Chair and Samantha Wolf as Vice-Chair. Washington seconded. Ramstad abstained. The motion carried.

**Maynard Drawson/Heritage Tree Champion Award:** The committee reviewed the recommendations and a draft nomination form developed by the award sub-committee. They discussed many different topics and requirements of the award including change champion to Hero, allow more than one recipient per year, but no more than four and to ask the current year nominees to nominate a candidate the following year. The best and most efficient methods of presenting the awards to the recipients were discussed.

*Lehan made a motion to proceed with the program as outlined in the nomination but remain flexible on the number of the nominations and the method of presentation until more information about the popularity of the program is known. Nyberg seconded. The motion carried.*

The committee then discussed the nomination form layout and the criteria required for the award. It was created to keep the form as open to everyone as possible. Wolf suggested asking the nominator for more information, if needed. Lehan suggested a friendlier or less formal form with suggestions of things that could be included in the nomination. Von Domitz will take the suggestions and send a revised version of the form to the committee for review.

## **Heritage Tree Nominations:**

- a. **Smith Farm Walnut:** The committee reviewed the content submitted in the application. The committee requested the nominator send photos of the tree and more information on the history of the tree as a postal ferry marker. Ramstad volunteered to visit the tree.

## **Old Business**

- a. **Eddyville Tree update:** Von Domitz reported that she had been able to get a hold of Judith the tree's nominator. She was going to speak to the county about the committee's concerns

about the tree's proximity to the road but had not gotten back to Von Domitz by the time of this meeting.

#### Updates & Reports/ New Business

- a. TIC/Council Report – Washington said the next quarterly Council meeting will be a digital Zoom meeting on September 14, 2020.
- b. Reports from Members:

McKnight said that she contacted the director of Pendleton Parks, Liam Hughes, for more information about Roy Raley Park. The park is located right next to Round-up. Roy Raley was the founder of the roundup and Happy Canyon. He put her in contact with members of the Pendleton Tree Commission. A member of the tree commission has shown interest and will be discussing possible heritage trees in the city at the next meeting.

Pedersen said that he is following up on some possible heritage trees that he was investigating before he moved to Idaho. He may have a nomination ready for the October meeting.

Nyberg said that he made a recent trip to check on the salvaged Nyberg Chestnut wood being stored in his brother's barn. The wood is in great condition and protected. He does not think there will be any more shrinkage.

Ramstad said the Peace Trees program has been an amazingly coordinated program by Jim Gersbach. The program to plan seeds from trees that survived the Hiroshima bombing throughout the state to promote peace was the wish of Japanese native Hideko Tamura-Snider. It was very successful and well-received. Ramstad then encouraged committee members to watch the respectful workplace training.

Von Domitz thanked the committee for their commitment and participation. She asked the committee for any recommendations for people who would be willing to make short videos about a heritage tree for social media and other promotions.

The committee discussed a possible Central Oregon member application. Von Domitz will reach out to the candidate for more information.

#### **2020/2021 Meeting Schedule**

October 16, 2020 – Zoom

January 15, 2021 – TBD

April 2021- TBD

July 9, 2021- TBD

**Adjourn at 2:52 p.m.**