

# Oregon Heritage Tree Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting, Friday, November 20, 2020

**Committee Participants:** Chair Kristin Ramstad; Vice-Chair Samantha Wolf; Nancy Appling-Salucci; Scott Brown; Charlotte Lehan; Molly McKnight; Arne Nyberg; Nate Pedersen; Al Tocchini; David Hedberg; Jennifer Karps

**Excused:** Craig Leech; Ed Washington

**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:** Tocchini proposed a correction to Whispering Pines State Park. Whispering Pines is not a state park. *Nyberg made a motion to approve the October 16, 2020 minutes as corrected. Lehan seconded the motion. Appling-Salucci abstained. The motion carried.*

### Heritage Tree Nominations:

- a. **Eddyville Sequoia:** Von Domitz said that the owner of the tree has been great to work with. She was able to provide additional materials from the Lincoln County Historical Society as well and approval from the county to place a plaque at the tree. Hedberg suggested that the main story would be around Ezekiel Eddy and the development/creation of the town. Tocchini suggested including the towns ties to the creation of the railroad, which linked Central Oregon with the Coast. The committee discussed the additional sources and the tree's local and state significance.

*Nyberg moved to approve the Eddyville Sequoia nomination. Tocchini seconded. 12 Ayes; 1 No; no Abstentions. The motion carried.*

- b. **Smith Farm Walnut update:** Von Domitz said she has reached out to Marcia Hart from the Coos Historical Society. Hart has asked a volunteer researcher to help find information to find more information about the historical importance of this spot on the Coos River.

**Maynard Drawson/Heritage Tree Hero Award:** Wolf said the deadline is Arbor Day. She recommended using the same outreach methods she uses in her work with Oregon Community Trees: newsletters, topical forums, community partners, and asking former recipients to nominate someone for the next year's award.

### Old Business

- a. **Plaque text Review:** Von Domitz reminded the committee that a complete list of current plaque texts has been posted in Google drive and is available for review and comment.

### Updates & Reports/New Business

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- a. **TIC/Council Report:** Von Domitz said the next Council meeting will be on Dec. 14. Staff is working on creating a budget for the 2021-23 biennium. The wildfires in the state came close to two of our rest areas, but there was no major damage.
- b. **Duniway tree at Riverview Cemetery:** Pedersen investigated a possible tree near the Duniway grave at Riverview Cemetery, but there are no trees near the site.
- c. **Reports from Members:**  
Appling said that the Bombsite Tree, located on the south coast, is less than ten feet tall. The top of the tree has been broken off and there is one dead branch, but it is alive. There has been some community effort to care for the tree and the site.

Nyberg said he has checked on the Nyberg Chestnut wood and it is protected and aging well.

Ramstad said she had received three small Red Pines to represent Minnesota for the Grove of the States and is caring for them in her back yard. It may be possible to plant them in the Grove of the States by next year.

McKnight said she is still in communication with community members in Pendleton for a possible tree nomination there.

Pedersen, Tocchini, Appling, Karps, Nyberg, Hedberg volunteered to join the subcommittee to discuss Heritage Tree nomination criteria.

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

January 15, 2021 – Zoom

April 2021- TBD

July 9, 2021- TBD

**Adjourn at 2:02 p.m.**