

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting, Friday, July 9, 2021

Committee Participants: Chair Kristin Ramstad; Vice-Chair Samantha Wolf; Nancy Appling-Salucci; Scott Brown; David Hedberg; Jennifer Karpis; Craig Leech; Charlotte Lehan; Nate Pedersen; Ed Washington

Excused: Molly McKnight; Arne Nyberg; Al Tocchini

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

Call to Order/ Introductions: Ramstad called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: *Lehan made a motion to approve the April 30, 2021, minutes as presented. Leech seconded the motion. Karpis and Hedberg abstained. The motion carried.*

Elections and Committee Terms: Von Domitz presented a list of positions to be elected and those committee members whose terms were up for renewal.

Chair- Kristin Ramstad

Vice-Chair – Samantha Wolf

Committee Terms (3 years):

Nancy Appling-Salucci

Al Tocchini

Dave Hedberg

Jennifer Karpis

Arne Nyberg

Samantha Wolf

Appling made a motion to approve the slate of election and committee term renewals as presented. Nyberg's renewal is pending his official acceptance. Lehan seconded. The motion passed.

Nomination Form Review: Von Domitz presented an updated copy of the nomination review form that included all suggested edits for the committee's review. The committee made some additional revisions.

Heritage Tree Nominations:

- a. Smith Walnut update:** Von Domitz presented the Smith Walnut nomination with all the additional information that had been collected at the committee's request. The tree is located on a sesquicentennial farm. They discussed the significance of the tree as a navigational marker for the local community over time. It was part of a grove that was used by people traveling the river by boat. The tree marked the location as the farthest navigable part of the river, so when they saw that tree, it was the location that passengers would disembark, and supplies would be unloaded to the community members waiting onshore. Later, after electricity came to the area, a community dairy/ milk stand was located at its base.

Wolf made a motion to accept the Smith Walnut Tree into the Heritage Tree Program. Leech seconded. The motion carried.

b. PSU Copper Beach:

Hedberg presented a very complete nomination for the Portland State University Copper Beach. The tree was planted in the early 1800s by the family of the industrialist and banker Joseph Franklin Watson at his home. This tree has connections to Oregon's early Iron Industry and financiers, Portland's, urban growth, redevelopment and urban renewal, Oregon's public college, and university system, student activism, the integration and advocacy of architecture, and tree preservation. The committee discussed the nomination.

Lehan made a motion to accept the PSU Copper Beach into the Heritage Tree Program. Pedersen seconded. The motion carried.

Updates & Reports/New Business

a. **TIC/Council Report:** Washington said the funding is stable. Executive Director Denno will be retiring at the end of the year. Councilor Marsh has retired from the Council. There is one new member of the Council, Matt Preston.

b. Reports from Members:

- **Lehan:** The Stein-Boozier Walnut Grove dedication is taking place on August 12. She continues to search for a medicinal tree for nomination.
- **Wolf:** Wolf said the Urban Forestry Conference will be happening virtually on September 14 and 15. The topic is trees and water.
- **Lehan:** Lehan said that the RV Short Fir sustained limb damage from the ice storm. The walnut grove suffered minor damage. The cable trees suffered no damage.
- **Brown:** Oregon Department of Forestry is using La Pine state park as a station for firefighters and their trucks which is an extra step in protecting the park and Big Tree.
- **Appling:** Mt. Shasta Lava Fire will burn up the mountain until timberline.
- **Hedberg:** He is working on creating short videos about two of the 2020 class trees. He will have previews for the committee soon.
- **Ramstad:** She said that the little Minnesota Red pines she is taking care of for the Grove of the States are healthy and continuing to grow.
- **Pedersen:** He asked if there would be a dedication for the Williamson-Abbot Tree. Von Domitz said that she would reach out to the forest service and ask what they would like to do. The tree's lack of a community group to reach out to and its remote location makes it difficult.

2021/ 2022 Meeting/ Events Schedule

August 12, 2021- Wilsonville Dedication

August 19, 2021 – Lincoln City Dedication

October 15, 2021

Heritage Tree Meeting 7-9-2021 (approved 10-15-2021)

January 2022

Adjourn at 3:12 p.m.