

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting, October 15, 2021

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

Staff Participants: Annie von Domitz; Jessica Carbone

Call to Order/ Introductions: Ramstad called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: Some minor corrections were proposed. *Appling made a motion to approve the July 9, 2021 minutes as corrected. Lehan seconded the motion. McKnight abstained. The motion carried.*

Heritage Tree Nominations:

- a. **Plaque text for Smith Farm Walnut:** The committee worked together to craft the text for the Smith Farm Walnut Plaque. Von Domitz will take the combined edits and send the draft text to the committee for review.
- b. **PSU Copper Beach-** Von Domitz said that Portland State University has decided to place a larger interpretive panel at the tree instead of the standard plaque provided by the committee. PSU will provide a copy to the committee for review.

2022 Award Forms and Nominations

- a. **Review of new Hero Award/ 2022 Deadline:** The committee discussed the first year of the new awards, the nomination forms, and the process. The committee felt good with the nomination and felt it didn't need any major changes. Overall, the committee felt the first year was a success. The committee decided to make the due date for the nominations February 14. Any applications received after that date will be considered during the next year.

Updates & Reports/New Business

- a. **TIC/Council Report:** Washington said the Council is in the middle of selecting a candidate to fill the agency's Executive Director position.
- b. **Reports from Members:**
 - **Lehan:** The Stein-Boozier Walnut Grove dedication was a great success. She couldn't have planned a better event and had awesome feedback from attendees and city staff.
 - **Wolf:** Wolf said the Urban Forestry Conference was a success, with higher-than-expected attendance. They received good feedback from the attendees. Wolf will be stepping down as Chair of OCT this next year.
 - **Brown:** Oregon Department of Forestry is using La Pine state park as a station for firefighters. He thanked Leech for all his work on creating a thinning plan for the park.
 - **Appling:** Appling said two of the 150-year-old black walnuts at Handley Farms have fallen. She is working with volunteers and Plant Oregon on a grant to obtain big new

replacement trees. Appling then asked von Domitz if Frank Callahan had received his Drawson award. Von Domitz said that his plaque had been FedExed to him. After discussing with Frank, he will look at possible local events to conduct the formal presentation.

- **Hedberg:** Hedburg said he had a busy summer and is continuing work on videos about two of the 2020 class trees as well as the Peace Tree documentary. He will have previews for the committee soon. The Oregon Historical Society has asked him to write a blog on how he used their collection to produce his video on the Lincoln City “Our Ancestor” Tree.
- **Ramstad:** Ramstad said that during her latest meeting with the Western Urban Forestry Coordinators and Forest Service Managers regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion she spoke on the work done by this committee over the past year. She also wrote a paper on the committee’s work to be included in a publication.
- **Pedersen:** Pedersen informed the committee that he will be moving to Georgia in November to begin a new position at the Georgia Historical Society.
- **Leech:** Leech thanked Lehan for leading a great dedication for the Stein-Boozier Walnut Orchard. He reported that two successful grafts from the "Moon Tree" at the State Capital will be planted in Coos Bay.
- **McKnight:** McKnight reported that she has not had any movement on a possible tree in Roy Raley Park.
- **Tocchini:** Tocchini is investigating a possible tree nomination in the newly redeveloped old Fairview School Area.

2022 Meeting/Events Schedule

January 14, 2022

April 2022 (Dedication)

July 2022

October 2022

Adjourn at 3:12 p.m.